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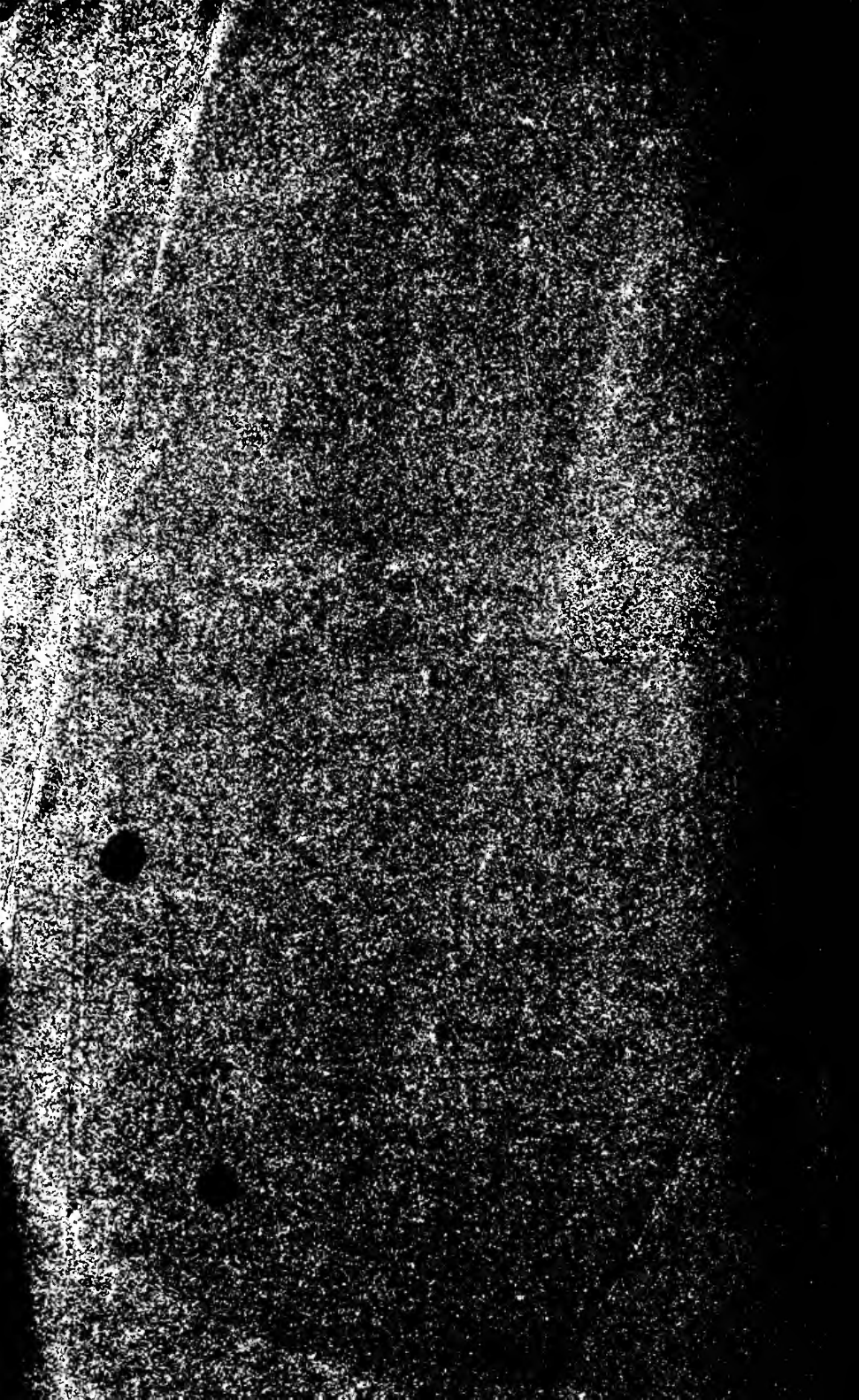
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WEDNESDAY MORNING.

BRANDON, VERMONT, July 6th, 1892.

The Tenth Annual Encampment of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was called to order in the Town Hall, at ten o'clock, a. m., and opened in due form, Division Commander H. S. Foster in the chair. The roll being called, the following officers of the Division were found to be present, viz: Commander H. S. Foster, Senior Vice-Commander A. G. Fay, Junior Vice-Commander W. H. Headle, Adjutant E. T. Monahan, Quartermaster G. S. Cahill, Surgeon G. O. Webster, Inspector E. T. Griswold, Mustering Officer F. W. Sault, Judge Advocate H. C. Herrick, and Quartermaster Sergeant E. E. Abbott. Division Council: W. H. Boyd and J. B. Ripley. The following named brothers were detailed: Sergeant Major, W. M. Sargent, Camp 74; Chaplain, A. C. Ferris, Camp 56; Color Sergeant, H. W. Winter, Camp 56; Camp Guard, J. H. Carbo, Camp 19; Picket Guard, F. W. Ferris, Camp 56.

By unanimous consent, the order of business was suspended to enable Past Captain Frank L. Greene of Camp 36, to offer a resolution in regard to the dangerous illness of Brother O. A. Gee of Camp 56, as follows:

“WHEREAS, This Encampment has learned with profound regret of the critical illness of our esteemed and worthy brother, Dr. O. A. Gee, of Camp 56, Brandon,

Therefore, We earnestly desire at this time to re-assure him and his family of our brotherly sympathy, and assure him of our unceasing solicitude for his welfare, and our firm trust and belief that the genial and helpful presence, we so sorely miss to-day, will soon be restored to us in all its old time health and vigor.”

These resolutions were seconded by Inspector Griswold and unanimously carried.

The following named brothers were appointed a committee to wait upon Brother Gee with the above resolutions: Past Captain F. L. Greene, Camp 36; Commander W. M. Sargent, Camp 74; and Commander E. E. Abbott, Camp 19.

The Commander then announced the Committee on Credentials, as follows :

Adjutant E. T. Monahan (by virtue of his office), Chairman ; Commander W. M. Sargent, Camp 74 ; Past Captain C. E. Griffin, Camp 64.

The Commander declared a recess of thirty minutes for the Committee on Credentials to prepare their report.

The Encampment was called to order at the expiration of the recess, and the Committee on Credentials submitted the following roster of the Tenth Annual Encampment, and the Adjutant called the roll. Those marked thus * were present.

DIVISION OFFICERS.

Commander—*H. S. Foster, Burlington.

Senior Vice-Commander—*A. G. Fay, Montpelier.

Junior Vice-Commander—*W. H. Headle, Danby.

Chief of Staff—T. T. Lamphere, Calais.

Surgeon—*G. O. Webster, St. Albans.

Chaplain—R. C. Searing, Arlington.

Adjutant—*E. T. Monahan, Underhill.

Quartermaster—*G. S. Cahill, Burlington.

Inspector—*E. T. Griswold, Bennington.

Mustering Officer—*F. W. Sault, West Randolph.

Judge Advocate—*H. C. Herrick, Vergennes.

Division Council— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{H. O. Bixby, Chelsea.} \\ \text{*W. H. Boyd, Montreal.} \\ \text{*J. B. Ripley, St. Johnsbury.} \end{array} \right.$

Past Colonels—J. C. Rutherford, Burlington ; *F. D. Proctor, Proctor ; *C. F. R. Jenne, Brattleboro ; *G. E. Terrill, Underhill ; J. E. Fox, Burlington ; *F. L. Eaton, Montpelier ; *E. T. Griswold, Bennington ; H. O. Bixby, Chelsea.

Camp No

2. Commander, C. D. Carpenter. Past Captains : *A. L. Harris, L. D. Greene, *C. F. R. Jenne, F. P. Thompson, G. F. Root, R. L. Frost, *A. I. Howe. Delegate, *A. I. Howe. Alternate, G. M. Clay.
4. Commander, M. W. Collins. Past Captains : *Andrew Maurer, W. H. Sears, *E. T. Griswold, J. H. Kelley, A. J. Griffin. Delegate, O. E. Gibson. Alternate, F. H. Ferguson.
6. Commander, M. A. Butler. Past Captains : C. E. Flanders, Henry Ray. Delegate, *G. E. Morse. Alternate, G. Foster.

7. Commander, *G. A. Wells. Past Captains : H. L. Colegrove, *G. E. Terrill, *F. E. Terrill, F. B. Porter, W. S. Prior. Delegate, G. I. Lincoln. Alternate, L. J. Wetherell.
18. Commander, L. S. Page. Past Captains : F. G. West, G. F. Cheney, H. J. Herrick, C. M. Bonett, F. M. Crosby, E. C. Grant. Delegate, *W. B. Bowman. Alternate, L. H. Lawrence.
19. Commander, *E. E. Abbott. Past Captains : J. E. Fox, J. C. Rutherford, G. E. Wright, F. L. Thomas, *F. F. Morse, *H. S. Foster, *H. C. Tracy, C. R. Kent. Delegate, C. R. Kent. Alternate, *A. McKenzie.
22. Commander, *F. A. Duffy. Past Captains : E. C. Poole, M. W. Jones. Delegate, *L. N. Gauthier. Alternate, ———.
24. Commander, P. S. Woodbury. Past Captains : N. D. Ripley, E. H. Bazin, *J. B. Ripley, P. S. Woodbury. Delegate, C. F. Cutting, Alternate, *E. C. Story.
25. Commander, *C. F. Rich. Past Captains : *C. E. Taylor, Geo. E. McHugh. Delegate, *F. E. Rogers. Alternate, Geo. Rose.
28. Commander, E. G. Reed. Past Captains : Herbert O. Bixby, G. L. Hayward, Robert B. Smith. Delegate, F. V. Tuller. Alternate, A. G. Smith.
31. Commander, D. L. Sanders. Past Captains : *F. L. Eaton, O. D. Clark, C. A. Smith, A. G. Eaton, C. J. Fallon. Delegate, Thos. Dewey. Alternate, G. C. Bagley.
34. Commander, *W. E. Edwards. Past Captains : H. D. Sparrow, B. D. Bowen, H. B. Holmes, E. E. Gould, E. C. Herrick. Delegate, H. L. Stickney. Alternate, *E. O. Hopkins.
35. Commander, *S. C. Voodry. Past Captain, *S. C. Voodry. Delegate, *S. C. Voodry. Alternate, Len. Short.
36. Commander, *J. G. Norton. Past Captains : C. A. Searles, M. H. Garey, B. B. Perkins, *F. L. Greene, *C. H. Anderson. Delegate, M. H. Shaw. Alternate, *F. S. Stranahan, Jr.
37. Commander, J. B. Eldredge. Past Captains : K. W. Morse, A. J. Huse, B. G. Goodwin. Delegate, Rev. G. W. Morrow. Alternate, *F. W. Sault.
39. Commander, C. F. Beard. Past Captains : T. T. Lamphere, *W. L. White. Delegate, *W. G. Eastman. Alternate, W. Celley.
40. Commander, H. H. Tracy. Past Captains : F. W. Bundy, B. V. Lumbra. Delegate, A. H. Tevyaw. Alternate, F. Moore.

42. Commander, *William Millham. Past Captains: C. I. Cole, A. Bissonnette (deceased). Delegate, *A. W. Isham. Alternate, Charles Kenyon.
45. Commander, *C. A. Tucker. Past Captains: E. D. Hickey, D. C. Rogers, A. H. Irish. Delegate, *F. E. Ray. Alternate, ——.
46. Commander, I. E. Morse. Past Captains: C. F. Hulburd, E. D. Herrick, W. A. Safford. Delegate, B. M. Ellingwood. Alternate, A. A. Maxfield.
48. Commander, *H. E. Farrow. Past Captains: B. M. Gilfillan, C. W. Wallace, *H. E. Farrow. Delegate, *W. B. Livingston. Alternate, ——.
49. Commander, M. H. Brunning. Past Captains: B. C. Berry, F. A. Dwyer. Delegate, Charles Switzer. Alternate, F. A. Drown.
50. Commander, A. L. Cheney. Past Captains: George Earle, H. B. Daniels. Delegate, L. J. Eldridge. Alternate, *Don. A. Saunders.
51. Commander, G. W. Manning. Past Captains: G. E. Stone, C. O. Field. Delegate, A. A. Jones. Alternate, J. J. Gilmore.
52. Commander, A. B. Watrous. Past Captains: *F. A. Savery, A. B. Watrous. Delegate, Charles Taylor. Alternate, *W. J. Loveland.
55. Commander, *G. W. Gowett. Past Captains: M. B. Sneden, *C. C. Peen. Delegate, *H. C. Herrick. Alternate, Chas. Barrows.
56. Commander, *G. W. Myatt. Past Captains: *W. C. Langdon, F. W. Hudson, *E. R. Morse, O. A. Gee. Delegate, *James Meacham. Alternate, E. W. Barber.
57. Commander, *O. A. Kinney. Past Captains: W. H. Lamb, H. C. Rann, *E. T. L. Benedict. Delegate, *C. C. Kinney. Alternate, L. S. Orr.
58. Commander, Henry Lucia. Past Captains: *W. M. Morton, Henry Lucia. Delegate, *O. McNally. Alternate, H. Wells.
59. Commander, W. H. Brown. Past Captains: C. M. Fox, H. J. Pike. Delegate, *G. E. Thurber. Alternate, A. C. Fowler.
60. Commander, *W. W. Bennett. Past Captains: *A. J. Davis. Delegate, *H. J. Dyer. Alternate, E. M. Marsh.
61. Commander, L. J. French. Past Captain, C. H. Brown. Delegate, F. G. Woodman. Alternate, H. H. Payne.

62. Commander, *J. M. Wright. Past Captain, A. C. Plue. Delegate, *A. H. Sanders. Alternate, H. Walker.
63. Commander, C. E. Grant. Past Captains : W. W. White, C. E. Grant. Delegate, *L. S. Rawson. Alternate, C. Wilder.
64. Commander, O. S. Jones. Past Captains : *C. E. Griffin, H. T. Kidder, *E. A. Dodge. Delegate, *Chas. Manchester. Alternate, S. Streeter.
65. Commander, G. W. Warren. Past Captains : C. E. Flanders, J. J. Sugden. Delegate, B. W. Abbott. Alternate, W. A. Hubbard.
66. Commander, P. H. Patten. Past Captains : C. B. Ross, *Grant Lincoln. Delegate, W. S. Haynes. Alternate, *E. M. Kellogg.
67. Commander, H. L. Vondell. Past Captains : C. C. Barrett, J. C. White. Delegate, O. Witherell. Alternate, W. E. Robinson.
68. Commander, W. E. Cooley. Past Captains : *Max L. Powell, W. E. Cooley. Delegate, ——. Alternate, ——.
69. Commander, *W. F. Leclair. Past Captains : E. W. Parsons, M. O. Cooper, C. H. Wait, *E. D. Heselton. Delegate, J. F. Young. Alternate, *C. B. Pimer.
70. Commander, Eugene Grant. Past Captains : Geo. H. Newton, Guy Farman. Delegate, Byron Gilman. Alternate, Ross Kingsley.
72. Commander, A. J. Kelley. Past Captains : *W. H. Headle, *W. H. Griffith. Delegate, G. H. Belden. Alternate, *C. McIntyre.
73. Commander, *R. S. Barrett. Past Captain, *Will H. Boyd. Delegate, *W. H. Boyd. Alternate, J. Lane.
74. Commander, *W. M. Sargent. Past Captain, *W. M. Sargent. Delegate, J. Beedle. Alternate, B. Tenney.
75. Commander, R. A. Childs. Past Captain, R. A. Childs. Delegate, G. Fisher. Alternate, H. J. Gray.
76. Commander, G. W. Herring. Past Captain, D. H. Wheeler. Delegate, A. W. Boardman. Alternate, O. O. Tillotson.
77. Commander, *G. A. Sturtevant. Past Captain, *G. A. Sturtevant. Delegate, V. S. Witherell. Alternate, E. E. Holmes.
78. Commander, E. F. Savage. Past Captain, Don. D. Grout. Delegate, *L. J. Durkee. Alternate, J. R. Russ.
79. Commander, R. C. Searing. Past Captain, R. C. Searing. Delegate, M. P. Warner. Alternate, C. H. Burt.

80. Commander, J. H. Tilton. Past Captain, J. H. Tilton. Delegate
———. Alternate, ——.
81. Commander, E. L. Hardy. Past Captain, F. A. Wheeler. Delegate,
*H. D. Parkhurst. Alternate, C. E. Clough.
82. Commander, *H. S. Hill. Past Captain, *H. S. Hill. Delegate, H.
Colburn. Alternate, B. I. Brown.
83. Commander, *C. J. Smith. Past Captain, *C. J. Smith. Delegate,
*L. N. Williamson. Alternate, R. B. Haskins.
84. Commander, N. H. Drew. Delegate, C. A. Kelton. Alternate, C.
L. Gray.
85. Commander, *C. A. Crane. Delegate, *F. E. Manum. Alternate,
E. A. Beauard.
86. Commander, F. W. Gove. Delegate, A. C. Booth. Alternate,
*Justin Crown.

The Commander then announced the following committees :

On Ritual:—F. W. Sault, Andrew Maurer, R. F. Barrett, E. T. L. Benedict, and G. W. Gowett.

On Resolutions:—A. G. Fay, E. M. Kellogg, H. C. Tracy, W. H. Griffith, L. J. Durkee.

On Reports of Officers—A. J. Davis, W. L. White, G. W. Manning, J. N. Wright and H. S. Hill.

On Constitution, Rules and Regulations—E. T. Griswold, W. H. Headle, G. O. Webster, A. I. Howe and G. W. Myatt.

The reports of officers being next in the order of business, Inspector Griswold moved that the rules be suspended, and the reports be held until the following day. Motion seconded by Commander Sargent, and carried.

Under the head of unfinished business, Past Captain Greene, chairman of the committee to wait upon Brother O. A. Gee with resolutions pertaining to his illness, reported to the Encampment that the committee had performed its duty, and was pleased to announce that Brother Gee's condition was materially improved.

On motion of Senior Vice-Commander Fay, seconded by Surgeon Webster, further unfinished business was suspended until the following day. Communications from camps being next in order, Surgeon Webster moved, in order to expedite business, that such reports be simply handed to the Adjutant, instead of being read. Motion seconded by Mustering Officer Sault, and carried.

The Encampment then adjourned until four o'clock p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Encampment was called to order by Commander Foster, at 4.15 p. m. The rounds of the Encampment were made by Inspector Griswold, assisted by Mustering Officer Sault. Members of the G. A. R. were obligated. Past Captain Dodge of the defunct camp at Woodstock was given a seat in the Encampment, it having been satisfactorily shown that he was entitled to the same.

On motion of Past Col. Terrill, seconded by Mustering Officer Sault, the Commander directed all members of the Encampment to seat themselves on one side of the hall, and all who were not members to take seats on the opposite side.

The roll was then called by the Adjutant.

Communications from individuals being next in order, Past Capt. Morse moved that Brother Leonard Fiske, of Camp 19, be allowed the floor for the purpose of presenting resolutions appropriate to the memory of the late Gen. William Wells, for whom Camp 19 was named. Motion seconded by Past Capt. Benedict, and carried. Brother Fiske presented the following resolutions :

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty, the ruler of the Universe, to take from the associations of men, Gen. William Wells, late of Burlington, Vt.; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Gen. William Wells we recognize the loss of one of Vermont's greatest and best men.

Resolved, That we as an organization, feel it our duty and our privilege to unite with the citizens of the State in paying a tribute to the memory of a great soldier, a noble citizen, and an honored man.

Resolved, That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of this Encampment and that a copy be presented to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Under the head of new business, Inspector Griswold asked that the matter of the new ritual might be brought up and discussed at the present session. Chairman Sault, of the Committee on Ritual, stated that the committee were not yet ready to report, and would be glad to have any resolutions on the subject that might be deemed appropriate, handed to the committee at once for action.

At this point, Past Capt. Greene made a few pleasing remarks relative to the showing made by the Vermont Division at the Centennial Anniversary at Bennington, in August, 1891.

Mustering Officer Sault then stated that, at the request of a number of the brothers, he wished to introduce a resolution condemnatory of the military organization of the order, the Sons of Veterans Guards.

The resolution was read, and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Past Col. Eaton presented the following resolution, proposing a change in the by-laws of the Division:

“*Resolved*, that the Adjutant is hereby directed to give notice of the following proposed amendment to the By-Laws, as required by Section I, Article 8, of the said By-Laws.

Article I, Section 1, is hereby amended by striking out the words “between the 5th day of June and the 10th day of July, the exact day to be determined by the Colonel commanding, with the concurrence of the elective members of the Division Council,” and substituting therefor the words “during the month of February.”

Sections 2 and 3 of Article I are hereby stricken out.”

Referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The following communication from the Second Encampment of the Vermont Division Ladies' Aid Societies, was here read by the Adjutant:

“The Second Encampment of your auxiliary of the Ladies' Aid Societies of the Sons of Veterans, sends greeting.

May the grand principles of both our orders ever remind us of our duty to each other. Allow us to extend to you our sincerest and most hearty thanks for the marked courtesy granted to us by your body. We extend to you, also to your guests of the Grand Army of the Republic, a cordial invitation to attend the L. A. S. Encampment.

Signed,

JENNIE WILLIAMSON,	} Committee.
Mrs. A. F. SOUTT,	
Mrs. I. S. JENNE,	

The Chair appointed the following named members a committee to make suitable response to this communication: Past Capt. Green, Commanders Abbott and Griffith.

After highly commending the usefulness of the “*Sharpshooter*” as the official organ of the Division during the past year, Inspector Griswold moved that this paper, published by Brother W. W. Lapoint of Barre, be continued as the official organ of the Division for the coming year. Motion seconded by Brother Isham, and unanimously carried. The Encampment then adjourned until 8 o'clock, Thursday morning, July 7th.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Encampment was called to order by Commander Foster at 9.30 a. m. Past Capt. Benedict was detailed as Camp Guard. The rounds of the Encampment were made by Inspector Griswold, assisted by Mustering Officer Sault. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The report of the Division Commander, Senior and Junior Vice-Division Commanders, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Surgeon, Chaplain, Inspector, Mustering Officer, Judge Advocate, and Division Council, were read and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (See Reports of Officers.)

Past Colonel Terrill moved that the officers be allowed to keep their reports, after consideration by the Committee on Reports of Officers, to revise same for publication. Seconded by Past Capt. Pecu, and carried. S. V. C. Fay moved that the name of W. E. Terrill be placed on the roll of Past Commanders of Camp No. 7, Underhill. The motion was seconded by Adjutant Monahan, and carried unanimously.

The Committee on Resolutions then submitted the following report:

BRANDON, VT., July 7th, 1892.

*To Commander H. S. Foster, Commanding Vermont Division, S. V.,
U. S. A.:*

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows:

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this Encampment are hereby tendered to Commander H. S. Foster for the earnest, faithful and able manner in which he has conducted the business of this Division during the nine months he has been in command, during which time he has by his devotion to the Order kept up the steady growth of the Division, and brought the number of members to the highest point in our history.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are hereby tendered Colonel K. W. Morse for the work performed by him during the three months he held command of the Division, and that we regret that circumstances prevented his serving during the whole term.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are hereby tendered to all of the other officers of the Division, both elected and appointed, for the work they have performed during the past year.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are hereby tendered to the Vermont Division of the Ladies' Aid Societies, for accepting the invitation extended them by the Ninth Annual Encampment, and meeting here with us for their Second Annual Encampment; for the faithful help they are giving us in all of our work; for the new courage and devotion with which they inspire us by working with us for the advancement and success of our every worthy aim; for the additional interest

and zest which their presence gives our Encampment. That we extend to them an earnest invitation to annually hold their Encampment at the same time and place with that of this Division.

Resolved, That we express anew our feeling of obligation to the Vermont Department of the G. A. R. for the aid and assistance so liberally given us by them in the infancy of our organization; and that, as we grow in years and strength, we pledge ourselves to render to them all the aid and assistance in our power.

Resolved, That the courtesy and kindly interest extended to so many of our camps by the W. R. C. is fully appreciated by us, and we trust that the same friendly feeling which has heretofore existed may continue to bind together all of the organizations whose common object is the relief of the Union soldiers and the perpetuation of his valiant deeds.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that in the present situation of our Order, with the trial of a year which has been given the S. V. Guards, that the continuance of the same will work irreparable injury to the welfare, success and permanency of the Order, and that the National Encampment at Helena should do away with the S. V. Guards, and re-establish all of the titles in the officers of Camps and Divisions, and that the delegates to said Encampment from this Division should use their utmost efforts to accomplish the return to the old Order.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Division are hereby tendered to the officers and members of George E. Davenport Camp, No. 56, for their courtesy and attention during this Encampment.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are hereby tendered Charles Ormsbee Post, No. 18, of the G. A. R., for their attention during this Encampment and for their attendance during our meetings, and for joining with us in our annual parade.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Division are hereby tendered to the various railroads and hotels which have given reduced rates to the members and visitors at this Encampment.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Division are hereby tendered to the people of Brandon for their kindness and hospitality to the members and visitors at this Encampment.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are hereby tendered to the Brandon Band for their services gratuitously rendered, in giving us a concert last evening.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

ALLAND G. FAY,	} Committee.
E. M. KELLOGG,	
H. C. TRACY,	
W. H. GRIFFITH,	
L. J. DURKEE.	

The report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Ritual then made the following report, which was accepted by the Encampment, and the committee discharged:

BRANDON, VT., July 7, 1892.

*To H. S. Foster, Commander of Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans.
U. S. A.:*

SIR:— Your Committee on Ritual would submit the following report:

1st. That we have looked into the merits of the new Ritual, and would recommend to the Encampment of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, to keep the old ritual, until such time as we can have a new ritual that is an improvement on the old one now in use.

2d. We have not received any communication, but would submit the following proposed changes: On page 5, opening ceremonies, after Corporal of Guard has been directed to see if Camp and Picket Guards are at their respective posts and in possession of proper pass-word and countersign, to insert the following explanatory clause: At the call of his name, the Corporal of Guard will rise and salute, approach the Commander and communicate to him (the Commander) in a whisper, the pass-word and countersign, in order that the Commander may know that he has them correct. Then retire to the ante-room, make a personal examination and report.

In muster-in ceremonies, on page 14, where it says: Does any person present know of any just cause why this recruit should not be mustered, etc., change the word "person" to "brother."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

FRANK W. SAULT, *Chairman.*

R. F. BARRETT,	} <i>Committee.</i>
E. T. L. BENEDICT,	
ANDREW MAURER.	
G. H. GOWETT,	

The following communication from Brother O. A. Gee was then read:

BRANDON, VT., July 6th, 1892.

Commander H. S. Foster and Bros. of Encampment.

It is a source of keenest disappointment that compels me to greet the Encampment in this manner. But owing to circumstances governed by other than human power, I am left no other alternative, and suppose I should be thankful for even this.

But you are welcome to our beautiful town and I am sure the people will do all in their power to make your stay both pleasant and profitable.

Yours most sincerely in F. C. and L.,

O. A. GEE.

Per L.

Senior Vice-Commander Fay moved that this communication be spread upon the records of the Encampment. Seconded by Brother Meacham, and carried.

Past Col. Eaton requested that the Adjutant read that portion of the new Constitution, Rules and Regulations, describing the method of election of division officers, which was done. The Encampment then adjourned until 2 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Encampment was called to order at 2.45 p. m., Commander Foster in the chair. Past Capt. Greene was detailed as Inspector, and Past Capt. W. E. Terrill as Mustering Officer. These officials made the rounds of the Encampment.

Brother Fiske made some remarks preparatory to presenting resolutions on the death of Comrade E. H. Trick of the G. A. R. S. V. C. Fay rose to a point of order, the point being that Brother Fiske had no right to the floor. The Chair decided that the point of order was well taken, and Brother Fiske was allowed to simply read the resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Past Capt. Greene submitted a copy of the letter which the committee, of which he was chairman, sent in reply to the communication from the Encampment of the Ladies' Aid Societies. Past Col. Jenne moved that this letter be spread upon the minutes of the Encampment. Seconded by Commander Barrett, and carried. The letter is as follows:

TENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,
VERMONT DIVISION, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BRANDON, VT., July 6th, 1892. }

To the President of the Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Society:

SISTER:—The undersigned committee, on behalf of this Encampment, beg to express to the Sisters of the Ladies' Aid Society, their sincere appreciation of the most cordial greeting extended to us, and to

again assure them of their earnest endorsement of the aims and objects of the Society.

With the hope that the strong tie which unites our organizations may be strengthened by the most successful and harmonious co-operation, in the future, as in the past, we are,

Very truly yours in F. C. and L.,

FRANK L. GREENE,)
E. E. ABBOTT,) *Committee.*
W. H. GRIFFITH.)

Chairman Fay requested the Committee on Resolutions to meet him in the ante-room.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations then made its report as follows:—

BRANDON, JULY 7, 1892.

To H. S. Foster, Commanding Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

SIR:—Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and Division By-Laws, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have received the following recommendations for changes:

To the Chairman of Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations:

I would respectfully offer an amendment to Article V. Sec. 1, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, that it be made to read so as to admit to membership such male decendants of soldiers, sailors or marines, who may either by themselves or their decendants give conclusive proof of honorable service during the civil war of 1861-65, but who by reason of accident, or cause beyond their control, or neglect, were unable to secure an honorable discharge.

A. W. ISHAM,

In behalf of Camp No. 42.

We do not recommend this change, believing that eligible candidates for admission to our Order, can with reasonable certainty obtain necessary proof of their father's enlistment, honorable service and discharge.
To the Chairman of Committee on Rules and Regulations:

I recommend as change in Article V. Section 5, that same read (5) five members constitute a quorum instead of (7) seven.

W. H. HEADLE.

Believing that the above would be of untold advantage to the smaller Camps, and as we cannot see wherein it will be detrimental to the interests of the larger ones, we unhesitatingly recommend its adoption, and that our Delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief meeting be instructed to use their influence in securing the aforesaid change.

We recommend the careful consideration of the following resolution and proposed changes presented by Past. Col. Eaton:—

Resolved, That the Adjutant is hereby directed to give notice of the following proposed amendment to the Division By-laws, as proposed by Article I, of Section 8, of said By-Laws:

Article I, Section 1 is hereby amended by striking out the word “between the 5th day of June and the 10th day of July, the exact day to be determined by the Colonel commanding with the concurrence of the Division Council,” and substituting therefor the words, “During the month of February.”

Sections 2 and 3 of Article I. are hereby stricken out.

We also submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That Article IV., Section 2, be amended to provide for the election of Division Officers in the manner and form prescribed by the Constitution of 1890.

We all recognize the fact that our annual inspection is not as satisfactory in its results as the amount of money expended would warrant.

We believe that many radical changes should be made in the blanks as furnished by the Inspector General's Department, before a fair schedule of markings can be obtained, and as we are not prepared to suggest what those changes should be, we believe that an experiment might be made that would give our Division the benefit of just such an inspection as she needs, and if successful in its method we might become pioneers in a reform movement in its Inspection Department. We therefore present this resolution for action at this time:—

Resolved, That the incoming Commander of this Division be and he is hereby empowered to provide for and cause to be held for the sole and private benefit and information of this Division, such additional inspection of Camps, other than that prescribed by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as he may deem fitting and proper.

The design is, to have blanks prepared, independent of those sent out by the Inspector General, and at the same time, of the Inspector of Camps as prescribed by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, these blanks to be used by our Division Inspector for the collection of such data as the Division Commander may deem of value.

Of course this should be without extra expense to either Camps or Division, with the exception of the small amount to be expended for the getting up and printing of necessary blanks.

Respectfully submitted,
 E. T. GRISWOLD,
 W. H. HEADLE,
 G. O. WEBSTER,
 A. I. HOWE,
 G. W. MYATT.

Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Resolutions here made a verbal supplementary report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Commander Foster was here called from the room and Senior Vice-Commander Fay took the chair. Surgeon Webster moved that the Division purchase a past Commander's Badge (the Silver Cross of the Order) for presentation to Commander Foster, upon his retirement from office. Motion seconded by Past Col. Jenne and Brother Isham, and carried unanimously.

Commander Foster returned and resumed the chair.

The following telegrams and letters from invited guests were then read by the Adjutant :

BURLINGTON, VT., July 7, 1892.

To Col. H. S. Foster, at Encampment of S. of V., Brandon :

Am sorry I cannot be with you to-day. Please accept and extend to brothers and Ladies' Aid my best wishes for your welfare and prosperity. May harmony and unity prevail among you, and God speed you all in your grand and noble work. Three cheers for Vermont Division, and long may she live.

JOHN E. FOX.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt., July 6, 1892.

To H. S. Foster, Commander Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, Brandon :

My brothers, I deeply regret that I cannot be with you, but business makes it impossible. I send hearty greetings to all and best wishes for successful Encampment.

Fraternally,

HERBERT O. BIXBY.

BURLINGTON, VT., July 7th, 1892.

Adjutant E. T. Monahan, Brandon, Vermont :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—Please say to the brothers of the Vermont Division, I deeply regret not being able to be with them at our Tenth Annual Encampment, but my best wishes are for *every* brother and for the welfare of our Division.

Push on with our noble Order and make this Encampment one to be remembered.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
K. W. MORSE.

MANCHESTER, N. H., July 7, 1892.

To Col. H. S. Foster, Sons of Veterans, Brandon :

Convey best wishes to Encampment ; sorry cannot be with you.

FRANK P. MERRILL,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

SIBLEY, IOWA, July 7, 1892.

To Col. Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, Brandon :

Sibley Saber extends greetings to Sons of Veterans at Brandon Encampment.

GEO. A. ROMEY.

BURLINGTON, VT., July 7, 1892.

To Capt. H. S. Foster, Brandon :

Sorry cannot be with you to-night ; unavoidably detained. Give love to the boys.

T. S. PECK.

RUTLAND, VT., July 7, 1892.

To Commander H. S. Foster, Sons of Veterans Encampment, Brandon :

Accept cordial thanks for invitation to camp-fire, and regrets that cannot attend. With greetings to your comrades,

HENRY F. FIELD.

40 BROADWAY, N. Y., July 2nd, 1892.

H. S. Foster, Commanding Division of Vermont, S. V., U. S. A., Burlington, Vt.

DEAR SIR AND COMMANDER:

It is with deep regret that I am obliged to advise you of my inability to attend your Division Encampment. I had looked forward with

great pleasure to such a visit, but find that my official duties in the persecution of criminals will not allow of my leaving the city during the coming week. I made every effort to make arrangements to get some one to take my place, but without success.

Convey to the brothers of your Division my best wishes for their continued prosperity, and accept yourself the well deserved recognition from these Headquarters of faithful and conscientious services. Were all Division Commanders like yourself, the work at these Headquarters would be greatly lightened.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

BARTOW S. WEEKS,

Commander-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A.

HILLSDALE, MICH., June 16, 1892.

MY DEAR COL. FOSTER:—Have delayed reply to yours of the 11th, hoping I might see some way to accept your courteous invitation to be with you and your boys in Encampment. It would be a great pleasure, could I do so, as it has never been my good fortune to meet with any of the Eastern Divisions. I find it will not be practicable to leave at the time named, and so must deny myself the honor and pleasure I would have in accepting—I will be with you heartily in spirit, and trust your work will be for the promotion of the best interests of our order. Wishing you and your Division great success, I remain,

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

MARVIN E. HALL.

CHESTER, VT., June 30th, 1892.

Capt. H. S. Foster, Division Commander, Sons of Veterans, Vermont Division:

DEAR SIR :—Yours of 28th, conveying kind invitation to be present at your Tenth Annual Encampment, at Brandon, July 6th and 7th, received.

It will be impossible for me to be present the 6th, and difficult to be present at all, but I feel it a duty to make an effort, in some shape, to testify to my earnest appreciation of your order, and shall hope to shape it so as to enjoy with you your camp-fire on the 7th.

Very truly yours in F. C. and L.,

HUGH HENRY.

MONTPELIER, VT., July 4th, 1892.

Col. H. S. Foster:

MY DEAR COL.:—Your kind invitation, inviting me to be present at the camp-fire of the Sons of Veterans, at Brandon, on the 7th inst., is at

hand, for which I thank you, and be assured that if it were not for engagements made which cannot be postponed I would be most happy to be with you on that occasion; but prior engagements, I am sorry to say, will prevent me from having the pleasure of enjoying the camp-fire, but you and your brothers must go ahead and show to the country that patriotism is not dying out, but is full of life and will continue to grow for many generations yet to come. Thanking you again and wishing you success,

I am very truly yours,

STEPHEN THOMAS.

BURLINGTON, VT., June 29, 1892.

MY DEAR COLONEL:—Please accept thanks for your kind invitation to attend your Encampment. I much regret that an expected absence of several days, beginning early the 7th prox., will prevent the pleasure of attendance. Kindly present my compliments to the boys, and best wishes for a pleasant and profitable time.

With kind regards,

I am yours in F. C. and L.,

U. A. WOODBURY.

Col. H. S. FOSTER,

Div. Com. S. O. V.

ST. ALBANS, VT., June 30, 1892.

Col. H. S. Foster, Commander of Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, Burlington :

DEAR SIR:—Your very cordial invitation to be present at the Annual Encampment of Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, at Brandon, the 6th and 7th prox., at hand. I am very sorry that business engagements will prevent my accepting. I hope you may have a pleasant and instructive reunion.

Yours very truly,

F. S. STRANAHAN.

RHINECLIFF, N. Y., July 1st, 1892.

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your cordial invitation to be present at the Grand Camp-fire at Brandon on the evening of the 7th instant, on the occasion of the Encampment of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and regret exceedingly that, as I will have to be in Washington at that time, it is impossible for me to accept.

As a native of Vermont I feel much interest in such events, and would be much pleased if I could arrange to be present.

Very faithfully yours,

LEVI P. MORTON.

Comd'r H. S. FOSTER,

Burlington.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7, 1892.

DEAR SIR :—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of June 4, kindly inviting me to be present at the Tenth Annual Encampment of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, to be held at Brandon, July 6 and 7, 1892. Be assured, dear sir, that I esteem this invitation as no slight honor, and I shall gladly accept if circumstances will permit. It is, however, impossible for me to say at this date whether I can be there or not. In any event, I wish you a pleasant gathering, and great success to your organization.

Very truly yours,

L. A. GRANT.

Col. H. S. FOSTER,

Burlington, Vt.

PROCTOR, VT., June 13, 1892.

Capt. H. S. Foster, Burlington, Vt.:

MY DEAR SIR :—I regret to say that the change of date will not help the matter. I shall, no doubt, have to remain in Washington until the close of the Session. I return to-day and it is not likely that we shall get through before the 7th of July, and if we do, I fear I shall be obliged to go another way for a few days.

The Sons of Veterans do themselves honor by keeping alive the memory of the deeds of their fathers, and as an organization they render a great service to the republic by stimulating the spirit of patriotism and loyalty. They deserve the good will and encouragement of every lover of his country.

Very respectfully yours,

REDFIELD PROCTOR.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S. }
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 1, 1892. }

Col. H. S. Foster, Commander Sons of Veterans, Burlington, Vermont:

MY DEAR SIR :—I have your letter inviting me to be present at the Tenth Annual Encampment of the Vermont Division of the Sons of Vet-

erans. I have delayed answering in the hope that affairs might take such a turn here as to enable me to be with you, for I assure you it would afford me great pleasure to do so, but as the time draws nigh I find it out of the question. Let me, however, express my appreciation of the high compliment implied by your invitation.

I esteem it not a small honor to be recognized thus by your organization, which must soon take the place of that great fraternal order of your fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic. It in fact already rivals it in patriotism and gallantry. The white tents of the veterans will soon all be spread on the other side of the river and their sons will soon take their places; and, as responsibilities and honors fall thick and fast upon them, the most favored will hardly find a brighter spot in their individual or family records than the fact that they are the sons of the brave men who won lasting honor in a war that won for their country the glories of a lasting union and the blessings of a lasting peace.

All hail then, the Sons of Veterans. Your organization has come none too soon and long may it continue, descending from sire to son to the latest generation. It will keep alive the patriotic memories of our heroic past and will help perpetuate the great principles of unity and fraternity on which our Government rests, and for which so many brave men have laid down their lives.

Regretting again that I cannot be with you, and asking that you extend to those present a very cordial greeting in my behalf, I am,

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM W. GROUT.

THE ROOKERY, CHICAGO, ILL., }
July 4, 1892. }

H. S. Foster, Division Commander:

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your kind invitation to meet the Sons of Veterans on July 6th and 7th, at Brandon. I am unable to leave Chicago at this time. I hope, however, that you will have a large attendance and an interesting camp-fire.

It is pleasant to think that the memory of our late war is not to expire at the death of the first generation. I believe your activity is patriotic and useful. Keep it up.

Sincerely yours,

ALDACE F. WALKER.

Letters were also read from Adjutant General Raphael Tobias and Quartermaster General J. V. B. Clarkson, Sons of Veterans; Major Gen-John M. Schofield, Commanding the Army of the United States; Major General Oliver O. Howard, U. S. Army; Hon. C. S. Page, Governor of Vermont; Hon. Levi K. Fuller, Gen. Juluis J. Estey, Colonel George Grenville Benedict, Capt. Henry O. Wheeler, and Capt. Pearl D. Blodgett.

The Committee on Officers' Reports then submitted its report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Past Capt. Ball moved that the next Division Commander be instructed to appoint a committee of three to confer with committees from the other New England Divisions in regard to a meeting of the Sons of Veterans of New England. Seconded by Brother Kellogg, and carried.

Past Col. Terrill moved that Adjutant Monahan be paid forty dollars from the division treasury for his services and ex-Adjutant Huse, ten dollars. The motion was seconded by J. V. C. Headle and carried unanimously. Adjutant Monahan expressed his thanks to the Encampment, in a few well chosen words.

Mustering Officer Sault moved that the per capita tax for the coming year remain the same as at present, viz., twelve and a half cents per quarter. Seconded by Commander Myatt, and carried.

Mustering Officer Sault moved that if only one delegate from the Division attend the National Encampment of the order at Helena, Mont., he be allowed \$100.00 from the division treasury; if two attend that they be allowed \$75.00 each, and that if three representatives of the Division attend, they each be allowed \$50.00, and that should neither delegates nor alternates be able to attend, their places be filled by Past Division Commanders. Motion seconded by Past Col. Jenne, and carried. Past Col. Eaton moved that Commander Foster have preference over the other Past Division Commanders in this connection. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Inspector Griswold moved that 450 copies of the proceeding of this Encampment be published under the direction of the retiring Commander, and that a copy be sent to each member of the Encampment; also that the proceedings of the Encampment of the Ladies' Aid Societies be published in the same volume, without expense to that organization. Seconded by Commander Kinney, and carried.

The question of place for holding the next Annual Encampment of the Division being next for consideration, Past Capt. Howe presented the claims and invitation of Brattleboro. Judge Advocate Herrick in-

vited the Encampment to Vergennes. Brother Sanders, in behalf of Camps 50, 52 and 77, invited the Encampment to Morrisville. Brother Gauthier, under instruction from his Camp, invited the Encampment to Barre. Remarks on the subject were made by Past Col. Eaton, Past Col. Jenne, Past Capt. Pecu and Past Capt. Powell.

The first ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast	67
Necessary for a choice.....	34
Brattleboro.....	32
Vergennes	27
Morrisville.....	7
Barre	1

No choice.

The second ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes.....	65
Necessary for a choice.....	33
Brattleboro.....	32
Vergennes.....	31
Morrisville.....	1
Barre ..	1

No choice.

The result of the third ballot was as follows :

Whole number of votes.....	65
Necessary for a choice.....	33
Brattleboro.....	31
Vergennes	31
Morrisville.....	3

No choice.

The fourth ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes.....	63
Necessary for a choice.....	32
Brattleboro.....	33
Vergennes.....	28
Morrisville.....	2

Brattleboro having a majority of the votes cast, was declared the place of holding the next Annual Encampment. On motion of Past Capt. Pecu, seconded by Past Capt. Savery, the vote for Brattleboro was made unanimous.

Election of officers being next in order, Mustering Officer Sault inquired how many delegates the Division was entitled to in the next

National Encampment, and was informed by the Chair that the Division was entitled to one delegate at large, and one delegate.

Past Capt. F. L. Greene of St. Albans, was placed in nomination for Division Commander, by Surgeon Webster. Nomination was seconded by Adjutant Monahan, Quartermaster Cahill, and Brother Isham. The roll being called, Past Capt. Greene was unanimously elected Division Commander for the year next ensuing.

Past Capt. Powell placed in nomination for Senior Vice-Division Commander, Junior Vice-Division Commander W. H. Headle of Danby. Nomination seconded by Past Capt. Langdon. The roll was called and Junior Vice-Commander Headle was unanimously elected Senior Vice-Division Commander for the year next ensuing.

For Junior Vice-Division Commander, Commander Myatt of Camp 56, nominated Brother O. A. Gee of Brandon. Nomination seconded by S. V. C. Fay. Past Capt. Pecu nominated Brother W. W. Lapoint of Barre. Seconded by Brother Gauthier. The roll being called the result of the ballot was as follows :

Whole number of votes cast.....	67
Necessary for a choice.....	34
Brother Gee had.....	41
Brother Lapoint.....	26

Brother Gauthier moved that the election of Brother Gee be made unanimous. Seconded by Commander Kinney of Camp 57, and carried unanimously. Brother O. A. Gee was declared duly elected Junior Vice-Division Commander for the year next ensuing.

For first Division Council, S. V. C. Fay nominated Division Commander H. S. Foster of Burlington. Seconded by Past Capt. Savery. The roll was called, and Commander Foster was unanimously elected first Division Council for the year next ensuing.

For second Division Council, Past Col. Eaton nominated Brother W. W. Lapoint of Barre. Seconded by Past Capt. Greene and Judge Advocate Herrick. The roll was called, and Brother Lapoint was unanimously elected second Division Council, for the year next ensuing.

For third Division Council, Commander W. M. Sargent, Camp 74, nominated Mustering Officer F. W. Sault of West Randolph. Seconded by Inspector Griswold and Brother Isham. The roll was called, and Mustering Officer Sault was unanimously elected third Division Council, for the year next ensuing.

For Delegate-at-large to the National Encampment, Past Col. Jenne nominated Judge Advocate Herrick of Vergennes. Seconded by Past

Capt. Benedict. The roll was called, and Judge Advocate Herriek was unanimously elected Delegate-at-large to the next National Encampment.

For Delegate to the next National Encampment, Brother Leonard Fiske was nominated by Commander Myatt of Camp 56. Seconded by J. V. C. Headle. The roll was called, and the result of the ballot was as follows :

Whole number of votes.....	30
Necessary to a choice.....	16
Leonard Fiske had.....	29
Will L. White.....	1

Brother Leonard Fiske was declared duly elected Delegate to the next National Encampment.

For Alternate-at-large, Mustering Officer Sault nominated Commander F. A. Duffy, Camp 22, Barre. Seconded by Judge Advocate Herriek. The roll was called, and Commander Duffy was unanimously elected Alternate-at-large to the next National Encampment.

For Alternate, S. V. C. Fay nominated Commander W. M. Sargent, Camp 74, South Royalton. Seconded by Adjutant Monahan. The roll was called, and Commander Sargent was unanimously elected Alternate to the next National Encampment.

The Encampment then adjourned, to meet after the Camp-fire this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The public installation of officers came first in order, at which were present members of the Encampment of the Ladies' Aid Societies, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and several hundred of the people of Brandon. After the installation of the officers of the L. A. S., by the retiring President, Miss S. Ada Hall, the following officers of the Division were duly installed by Commander Foster :

Division Commander—Frank L. Greene, St. Albans.

Senior-Vice Division Commander—W. H. Headle, Danby.

Division Council— { W. W. Lapoint, Barre.
 } F. W. Sault, West Randolph.

Junior Vice-Commander-elect O. A. Gee was too ill to appear for installation. Division commander Greene then installed Past Division Commander H. S. Foster of Burlington, as a member of the Division Council.

Past Colonel F. L. Eaton then presented to Past Commander Foster, on behalf of the Division, the Silver Cross of the Order (Past Division Commander's badge), in the following eloquent speech :

Past Commander Foster :

It has been a beautiful custom in this Division to present to each retiring Colonel some token of appreciation of the services rendered by him, and the pleasant duty has been assigned to me to-night of presenting you, on behalf of the Vermont Division, a Past Commander's badge. This duty is doubly pleasant to me when I remember that both you and I first saw the light of day in the same old town among the hills, and although our paths in life have been widely divergent, we have been united in loving memories for that town of our nativity.

I said it was a custom to present a badge to our retiring Colonel, but I beg you to believe that this badge is not presented to you because of the custom, for I assure you that every brother appreciates the able manner in which you have performed the duties of the position that was suddenly thrust upon you, and your administration will ever stand as one of the brightest in the Vermont Division. Upon your breast you wear many badges, signifying your advancement in our Order and your success in your chosen profession of arms, and now as I pin above them this silver cross, it will signify that "Peace hath its victories as well as war," and that you, a man of war, have in time of peace so fulfilled your duties as to win the approbation of all your associates.

Wherever your path in life may lead, whether in crowded city or on tented field, here in the old Green Mountain State, which must ever be home to you, your brothers of the Sons of Veterans will be watching you with God-speeds in our hearts, sympathizing with you in all your afflictions, rejoicing in all your successes, and hoping that as the years roll by we may often again grasp the hand and look into the eyes of him whom we are privileged to greet as our first Past Commander.

To which Past Commander Foster responded as follows :

Past Colonel Eaton, and Brothers of the Vermont Division :

I can hardly find language to express, in adequate terms, my thanks for this beautiful badge, and the kind and eloquent words just spoken. This token of your esteem will ever be a pleasant reminder of my sojourn in my native State, and of my association with you : and I do not need to assure you that it will ever be prized as among the most valued of my possessions. It is a greater satisfaction to me to have been Commander of the Vermont Division than it would be to have been Commander-in-

Chief of the Order. And should the honor and integrity of the Nation our fathers saved, again be assailed, no greater honor could be conferred upon me, than to be permitted to lead a regiment of Green Mountain Boys. Again, brothers, I thank you.

At the close of the Camp-fire which followed, the Encampment was opened, Commander Greene in the chair. Past Commander Foster moved that the hearty thanks of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be extended to Gen. W. W. Henry of Burlington, for the marked interest and kindness shown by him in coming to Brandon, at his own expense, to attend the Encampment and Camp-fire, and reading at the latter an exceedingly interesting and able war paper. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Encampment, it was then closed in due form.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Tenth Annual Encampment of the Vermont Division was a Field Encampment, the first in the history of the Division. The Division Commander, a portion of his staff, and many of the brothers attending the Encampment were quartered in tents pitched on the banks of the Otter Creek, in rear of the Hotel Brandon.

The weather on the afternoon of July 6th was all that could be desired, and the parade was a highly successful and creditable affair. The column was formed on the camp ground, the Division Officers and Past Colonels being mounted, and, preceded by the Brandon Cornet Band, marched through the principal streets of the town. The armed camps were given precedence in the column, in the order of size, and the presence of many of the camp flags lent brilliancy to the scene. The column passed in review before the Sisters of the Ladies' Aid Societies, who were stationed on the portico of the Hotel Brandon.

The fine and large drum corps of Lieut. J. C. Blackmer Camp, No. 60, Manchester Depot, marched at the head of the members of the G. A. R., and was a noticeable feature of the procession.

On Tuesday evening, an informal reception was held by the Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, in the parlors of the Hotel Brandon, where a warm welcome was given to such Sons of Veterans as were

fortunate enough to be present. New acquaintances were formed, and a pleasant interchange of views followed.

On Wednesday evening, the ritualistic work of the order was exemplified by Camp 56, Brandon, in the Town Hall, in a very successful and creditable manner, in the presence of a large number of the visiting Sons. Many of the brothers also attended the exemplification of the ritualistic work of the local L. A. S., in their hall, and made eloquent and encouraging remarks. Among this number were Brothers Lapoint, Greene, Fiske and Griswold. They were followed by Comrade West of St. Johnsbury. The Brandon Band rendered a fine programme at the Hotel Brandon, after the close of the exercises.

At the grand camp-fire following the public installation, Thursday evening, the following programme was rendered :

Overture.....	Reille's Orchestra.
Address of Welcome.....	Rev. W. S. Smart, Brandon.
Song.....	Quartette.
Gen. Henry then read a very interesting and able paper, entitled, "From Cold Harbor to Cedar Creek."	
Comrade T. Benton Kelley sang "The Loyal Sons," and a parody on the "Old Oaken Bucket."	
Vocal Solo.....	Miss Inez Godfrey.
Recitation, "How the old horse won the bet,".....	W. W. Lapoint.
Selection.....	Oclarina Quartette.
Speech.....	Alland G. Fay.
Selection.....	Orchestra.

Ice cream and cake were then served, followed by the Encampment Hop, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed.

The brothers of Geo. D. Davenport Camp, No. 56, the sisters of L. A. S. No. 7, members of C. J. Ormsbee Post, No. 18, G. A. R., and the citizens of Brandon generally, are entitled to much credit for their efforts to make the Encampment a success.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

REPORT OF THE DIVISION COMMANDER.

HEADQUARTERS, VERMONT DIVISION, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BRANDON, VT., July 6, 1892. }

To the Officers and Members of the Tenth Annual Encampment, Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

BROTHERS :—I assumed command of the Division, as Lieutenant Colonel, September 21, 1891, pursuant to orders from the Commander-in-Chief, the resignation of Colonel K. W. Morse having been tendered and accepted. October 13th, 1891, I was elected Colonel by the Division Council, was duly installed, and established Headquarters at Burlington. The reports of the Staff Officers will show in full the work of their several Departments. Two new Camps were mustered before I assumed command, and four have been added since. These Camps are all in good condition, and it is believed they have come to stay. I am glad to be able to say that it has not been necessary to revoke the charter of any Camp during the year. The following Camps have disbanded during the year, after paying all dues to the Division : No. 44, Rutland, in January, and Nos. 13, South Londonderry, 47, Greensboro Bend, and 53, East Corinth, in June. Every effort was made to save the last three. Two or three others have been threatened with dissolution, but have been encouraged to "hold the fort."

An application for Camp charter has been received from Northfield, but too late for muster before Encampment. I understand that applications are about ready to be forwarded from Island Pond and Hardwick. I desired to organize a large and fine Camp at Rutland in place of No. 44, but found it difficult to interest prominent Grand Army men there in the project, and could not find time to make a personal visit. Seed has also been sown in several other places, which, it is hoped, will spring up and bear fruit, at no distant day. The Adjutant's report will show fully the standing of the Division, as to membership and growth.

The report of the Quartermaster will not show as favorable a financial condition as could be desired. The Division was not free from debt at the last Encampment, yet nearly \$225 was appropriated from the treasury, and we have been struggling under a load of debt ever since. The debt when I assumed command was \$180.85.

The necessary expenses of the Council Meeting in October were \$21.86, and those of printing the Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Encampment, \$111.54. I have extended the mailing list considerably, so as to include nearly all publications in this State, and, on recommendation of the Chairman of the National Press Committee, so as to include all members of that committee, and additional papers published outside the State, which devote space to the Sons of Veterans and kindred societies. While this has entailed a slight additional expense, it is believed that the benefit accruing to the Order and the Division, has more than justified it. Division Orders, or extracts therefrom, have been published, to a considerable extent, in State papers which had not previously been furnished with copies, and attention thereby called to the organization. Many persons eligible to join the Order can be reached through the columns of a local paper, easier than in any other way. Upon recommendation of the chairman of the National Press Committee, "News Notes," compiled by the Division member of that committee, are now published and distributed with Division orders at a slight expense. The only traveling expenses, which the Division has paid for me, have been those of a few short journeys, made on strictly official business. My salary is donated to the Division.

The last Annual Encampment of the Order added ten per cent to the cost of badges and decorations, and authorized Divisions to add ten per cent to the cost of all supplies. Many Division Commanders construed this to authorize Divisions to add twenty per cent to the cost of badges and decorations, (as the National Headquarters receives ten per cent additional on this class of supplies) and acted accordingly. Having announced in Orders one increase in the price of supplies, I disliked to announce another, and thought it might be unnecessary. All the badges and decorations have therefore been furnished at cost, although the Division might have had a profit of ten per cent.

The utmost economy, consistent with what was believed to be the needs and best interests of the Division, has been exercised. I feel it my duty to recommend greater economy, if practicable, in the annual appropriations. I would be glad, however, to see Adjutants Huse and Monahan receive some financial recompense for their services to the Division. I can speak more particularly for Adjutant Monahan, as he

served under my immediate supervision. He has performed much efficient and faithful work for the Division, at considerable personal sacrifice, and it would give me pleasure to see him receive deserved recompense.

I recommend that the per capita tax be continued as at present, 12½ cents per quarter.

Two Companies of Sons of Veterans Guards have been organized in the Division, Company "A," Burlington, in December, 1891, and Company "B," Barre, in May, 1892. I regret to say that these organizations have not met with the success and encouragement they deserve.

Only two Camps have organized Ladies' Aid Societies during the year, much to my disappointment. If Camps without them could only realize adequately the benefits arising from these auxiliaries, greater effort would be made to secure them.

In this connection I desire to acknowledge the hearty co-operation of Miss S. Ada Hall, President of the Vermont Division, L. A. S., and of Judge Advocate Henry Barrows, and to express my high appreciation of the same. Our relations with the Grand Army of the Republic continue to be of a most friendly character, and I am indebted to its members for many courtesies and much efficient aid.

Brother W. E. Terrill, of Camp No. 7, Underhill, was elected Commander of that Camp in November, 1891, but owing to unintentional irregularities on the part of the Camp, in the method of election, and the matter having been brought to my notice officially, I was obliged, under the Constitution of our Order, much to my regret, to declare the election invalid. Brother Terrill has occupied many important Staff positions in the Division, has rendered much efficient service in them all, and is one of its most deserving members. Residing in Montpelier, he made several journeys to Underhill, to attend meetings of his Camp, supposing that the title to his office was unquestioned, thereby incurring considerable expense. As he was deprived of past honors, through no fault of his own, and in view of the facts above set forth, I recommend that, if not inconsistent with the Constitution of our Order, his name be placed on the rolls as a member of future Encampments.

A movement is on foot to establish at Oberlin, Kansas, a national G. A. R. Memorial College. Believing this to be a most worthy project, I will turn over to my successor all letters and literature on the subject, which I have recently received, and recommend that the Division render such aid as seems practicable.

The Commanders of three of the New England Divisions have appointed a Committee to make arrangements for a meeting of the Divis-

ions of New England States, during the coming winter. It is suggested that my successor follow their example, if deemed expedient.

Much more might be said at this time, but the greater part of what I would say to the Division has been published in Division Orders, and I therefore make this communication brief. I desire to thank the members of the Division Council for the confidence shown in elevating me to the responsible position of Division Commander.

To the other elective Division officers, and my present and past Staff officers, including the Assistant Inspectors, and member of the National Press Committee, I desire to tender my sincere and hearty thanks for their faithful and efficient service, and to such Camp officers and other members of the Division, as have loyally and earnestly supported me and my administration, I wish to convey the assurance of my highest appreciation.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

H. S. FOSTER,

Division Commander.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE-DIVISION COMMANDER.

BRANDON, VT., July 7, 1892.

*To the Officers and Members of Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans,
U. S. A.:*

I have the honor to submit the following report :

I came into office in October, 1891, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel Foster to the command of the Division.

With such a commander as H. S. Foster, the Junior Officers will have but very little to do, and during the time I have been in office, I have been called upon to perform no official duties, and have performed none.

The end of another year has come and the Division has had another year of success and advancement in numbers, usefulness and influence.

The parent order, the G. A. R., is growing more and more friendly to our Order, and are coming to see, as the years go by, the need of some

organization to take up their work, when they are obliged, as they soon will be, to lay it down, and to assist them in performing it while they remain with us; and in laying down my office at this time, I ask every brother in the Order to remember the objects for which we are organized, and to so conduct himself that the G. A. R. will be proud to call us sons and brothers, and that they will urge all who are eligible to become members of our Order.

I have striven to advance, as I shall always do after I give place to my successor, the good of the Order, and to remember in all the walks of life the watchwords of our Order, Friendship, Charity and Loyalty, and that the greatest of these is Loyalty.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

ALLAND G. FAY,

Senior Vice-Commander, Vt. Div.

The Junior Vice-Division Commander submitted a brief verbal report.

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
 BRANDON, VT., July 6, 1892. }

H. S. Foster, Commanding Vermont Div., Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.:

BROTHER:—In accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit to this Encampment the following report of the business transacted in this office and the standing of the Division from June 30, 1891, to the present time :

CAMPS.

Camps in good standing June 30, 1891 52

Gains :

Number of Camps organized since above date* 6

Gained by reinstatement 8

Total gain 14

*This includes No. 81, mustered during St. Johnsbury Encampment.

Loss :

Camp charters surrendered	4
Camps suspended	7
Total loss	11

Camps in good standing at date 55

MEMBERSHIP.

Members in good standing June 30, 1891 1540

Gains :

By muster	197
transfer	23
re-instatement	228
Total gain March 31, 1892	448

Loss :

By Camps disbanded	18
death	7
honorable discharge	36
transfer	35
suspended	416

Total loss, March 31, 1892 512

Members in good standing, March 31, 1892 1476

These figures are based upon the following table, which shows the standing of the Division at the end of each quarter :

QUARTER ENDING.	GAINS.				LOSS.						
	By muster.	By transfer.	By reinstatement.	Totals.	By Camps disbanded.	By death.	By honorable discharge.	By transfer.	By suspension.	Dropped, previously suspended.	Totals.
Sept. 30	63	9	25	96		2	6	5	196	(21)	209
Dec. 31	82	8	98	188		3	10	14	92		119
Mar. 31	53	6	105	164	18	2	20	16	128	(29)	184
Totals	197	23	228	448	18	7	36	35	416	(50)	512

It is impossible at the present time to give the exact membership of the Division, as all the reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1892, have not been received. The consolidated Adjutant's report for the quarter ending March 31, 1892, shows 55 Camps and 1476 members in good standing.

Since March 31, 1892, Camps Nos. 85 and 86, with 31 charter members, have been mustered. At least 30 of the 36 members of the three Camps which disbanded in June, applied to Division Headquarters for transfer cards, which were granted. As most or all of these cards will undoubtedly be placed in other Camps in the Division, these men cannot justly be regarded as lost.

From the above data it is believed that a fair and just estimate will show at least 1570 men in good standing.

CAMPS MUSTERED AND DISBANDED.

During the year six Camps have been mustered, Nos. 81 to 86 inclusive, with 98 charter members, and a Camp is now waiting to be mustered at Northfield.

Four Camps have surrendered their charters.

Camp No. 44 of Rutland, with 18 members, surrendered its charter Jan. 22, 1892. It is now hoped that a Camp of 75 or 100 members will soon take its place. It seems too bad that a Camp cannot be sustained in a town where is located the largest Grand Army Post in Vermont, with a membership of 260, and a Woman's Relief Corps of 108 members. Where is the son of a veteran who will see that Rutland soon takes her place again in the roll call of Camps?

Camp No. 13 of South Londonderry, with only seven members in good standing, surrendered its charter, June 15, 1892, after a struggle for existence of eight years, during which time there were not exceeding 27 Sons within a radius of several miles from the Camp. Most of these members received from these Headquarters transfer cards to other Camps. The determination and pluck of the brothers of this Camp, if shown in other Camps would to-day have doubled the membership of the Vermont Division.

Camp No. 47 of Greensboro Bend, with 18 members, having failed to make a report to Division Headquarters during the last three quarters, paid up its dues and surrendered its charter June 20, 1892, all the members taking transfer cards from Division Headquarters to other Camps.

Camp No. 53 of East Corinth, with but 11 members, not having held a meeting during the last year, paid up its dues and surrendered its

charter, June 30, 1892, all of the members taking transfer cards from Division Headquarters.

I would recommend the following towns in which Camps could be established by the assistance from brothers of Camps and comrades of the Grand Army in the towns adjoining :

Rutland,	Bradford,	Castleton,
Westfield,	Plainfield,	Hardwick,
Island Pond,	Swanton,	Bakersfield,
Richmond,		Topsham.

REPORTS.

A large number of Camps failed to appreciate the importance of promptly forwarding reports to this office. The trouble caused by this neglect I feel sure would not be made if the Camp officers fully realized the extra work caused by such neglect. It may be said that where there are capable First and Quartermaster Sergeants, that nothing will benefit the Camps so much as to retain them as long as possible. About \$1,000 for per capita tax, charter fees, etc., passed through my hands to the Quartermaster, for all of which receipts will be found in the Adjutant's receipt book.

MAILING LIST.

The Division order mailing list is composed of the Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Order, Division Commanders, National and Division Ladies' Aid Society officers, officers of the Department of Vermont G. A. R. and W. R. C., Division officers, Past Colonels, Camp Commanders, prominent members of the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans, prominent men and officers of Vermont, also in the United States 40 Sons of Veterans and Grand Army publications, and the leading papers which devote columns to Grand Army and Sons of Veterans news, as well as the entire press of Vermont, making a list of 450 names, which of itself makes quite an expense, but I believe the same to be well invested.

COMMISSIONS, ORDERS, ETC.

Number of commissions issued by Colonel K. W. Morse, to Division officers, seven; Camp officers, three. By Commander H. S. Foster, to division officers, ten; Camp officers, 258. Nine charters were issued as follows:—by Colonel K. W. Morse, to Camp No. 81, North Troy; by Commander H. S. Foster to Camps Nos. 82, Lunenburg; 83, Huntington; 84, Glover; 85, Bristol; 86, Essex Junction, and charters were re-issued to Camps No. 22, Barre; 64, Fair Haven and 80, Danville; also there were issued about forty-five transfers and sixty dispensations. All of the above were properly recorded.

One thousand copies of General Orders of Commandery-in-Chief, 4640 copies of Division Orders, 700 copies of Division Orders of the Ladies' Aid Society, making a total of 6340 copies promulgated from this office during the last ten months. In addition there have been sent a number of hundred of "News Notes," 250 copies of proceedings of the Ninth Annual Division Encampment, 75 copies of the Tenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 75 copies of the new Rituals, and 350 copies of the Division Rosters. In addition there were written in the interest of the Division, 1695 letters, which includes the answers to all letters received during past ten months. All of which, together with my studies and the fact that my Sergeant-Major was so situated that he could not render assistance, made the burden of the office quite heavy.

RECORDS.

The records of the Division at the time I assumed the duties of Adjutant were in fine order, in which condition I endeavored to keep them, and they were so found when inspected by order of the Commander-in-Chief, at the Division inspection.

The only addition during the past year was a Requisition book, used in this Division for the first time.

CONCLUSION.

To you, Commander, I wish to return thanks for my appointment as Adjutant, also for valuable assistance, advice and good council received from you, and the kind treatment and courtesy shown to me in all our relations. I have tried at all times to do my whole duty to the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, and to you as Commander of this Division. I assure you that no cloud has ever passed between us, and I retire from the duties of this office with a clear conscience and feel certain that the errors are not of the heart.

I wish to extend my thanks to your predecessor, Ex-Colonel K. W. Morse, for the high honor conferred upon me by the appointment on his Staff as Chief of Staff. From the members of your Staff as well as from Camp officers and Brothers, I have received many favors as well as great forbearance; and in closing, desire to express my highest appreciation and thanks to the Officers and Brothers, one and all, of the Vermont Division.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

EDWARD T. MONAHAN,

Adjutant.

REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER.

BRANDON, VT., July 7, 1892.

*Col. H. S. Foster, Commander Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans,
U. S. A.*

SIR:—I have the honor of submitting herewith the following report of the Quartermaster's Department, for the past year:

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for per capita tax.....	\$ 215 68
“ “ supplies.....	286 53
“ “ postage, freight, telegrams, etc.....	104 69
“ “ miscellaneous.....	87 80
“ Bixby, Smith and Atwood's bills.....	75 32
“ for office expenses.....	58 16
“ expense Delegates to National Encampment.....	120 00
“ “ Division Council meeting, October 13th.....	26 40
“ subscription to Sharpshooter.....	21 20
“ for silver cross, Maj. A. P. Davis.....	7 50
“ “ mustering camps.....	18 66
“ “ inspecting headquarters.....	7 44
“ “ expenses assistant inspector.....	15 00
“ “ printing.....	77 55
“ R. B. Smith, services as Adjutant.....	50 00
Total expenditures.....	\$1,171 93

RECEIPTS.

Received for supplies.....	\$ 260 05
“ “ per capita tax.....	827 82
“ “ charter fees.....	90 00
“ “ miscellaneous.....	18 82
Total receipts.....	\$1,196 69
Total expenditures.....	1,171 93
Balance on hand.....	\$ 24 76

In closing, allow me to thank you, Colonel, for not only my appointment, but also for the cheerful manner in which you, as well as the Judge Advocate and members of the Division Council, have, at great

personal sacrifice to yourselves, aided me in the closing of the business of my department.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

GEO. S. CAHILL, M. D.,

Division Quartermaster.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON.

ST. ALBANS, VT., June 7, 1892.

*To H. S. Foster, Commander Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans,
U. S. A.:*

SIR:—I have the honor to submit the following report :

1. No. members mustered.....	2087
2. No. in good standing.....	1564
3. No in State Militia.....	51
4. No. in U. S. Army.....	1
5. No. in U. S. Navy.....	0
6. No. of deaths within one year.....	6
7. No. of cases of sickness.....	84
8. No. of injuries.....	17
9. Total number of weeks sickness (From sickness.....	272
of all members..... (From injury.....	122
10. No. of members able to bear arms.....	1493
11. No. of members over 45 years of age.....	15
12. Age of oldest member.....	53
13. Average age of all members.....	25.2
14. No. of unmarried members.....	1079
15. No. of widowers.....	21
16. No. of married members.....	464
17. No. of foreign born.....	19
18. No. of G. A. R. members.....	18
19. No. of ministers.....	1
20. No. of physicians.....	6
21. No. of lawyers.....	2
22. No. of teachers.....	17
23. No. of literary men.....	7
24. No. of artists.....	0

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25.	No. of merchants.....	31
26.	No. of farmers.....	462
27.	No. of clerks and book-keepers.....	107
28.	No. of mechanics.....	164
29.	No. of printers.....	14
30.	No. of students.....	49
31.	No. of salesmen.....	22
32.	No. of telegraph operators.....	10
33.	No. of miners.....	26
34.	No. of skilled laborers.....	76
35.	No. of laborers.....	304
36.	No. of R. R. conductors.....	2
37.	No. of engineers.....	17
38.	No. of musicians.....	16
39.	Miscellaneous.....	137
40.	No. of Camps in Division.....	57
41.	No. Camps reporting.....	37

Thanking you for the many courtesies rendered me during your administration, I am most fraternally yours,

GEO. O. WEBSTER,

Division Surgeon.

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN.

ARLINGTON, VT., July 4, 1892.

Col. H. S. Foster, Division Commander :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—As Division Chaplain I beg leave to report that there seemed much interest taken in the Memorial Day services by the Sons of Veterans of this State, and that a good number were present both at the religious services on Sunday, and in line for the memorial exercises.

In more than one camp the prevailing epidemic in February prevented the observance of Union Defenders' Day, but it is an anniversary that will steadily grow in favor.

I must echo the words of one of my predecessors and say, that I hope that the sacred nature of Memorial Day will ever prevent any Son of a living or dead Veteran soldier behaving in a manner unbecoming

the solemn memories of their noble characters; and that they will always discourage the changing of this holy-day to a holiday. The work, which year by year will fall more into our hands, together with our relations to those noble and brave men, should solemnize the members of our organization, and enable us to appreciate our position as Sons of those who saved the Union, and as those naturally fitted to do them honor.

I append the detailed report of attendance upon Memorial Day services, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. SEARING,

Division Chaplain.

Number of Camp.	Number of Brothers belonging to Camp.	Number of Brothers in line.	Number of Brothers in uniform.	Did the Camp furnish a firing squad?	Was there an address delivered by any S. of V.?	Number of Brothers attending Sunday services.	Number of deaths in this Camp in past twelve months.	Did the Camp observe Union Defenders' Day?
2	28	5	0	no	no	11	0	no
4	16	21	7	no	no	17	0	yes
7	41	12	12	no	no	16	1	no
19	100	40	40	if needed	no	24	1	yes
22	41	6	6	no	no	20	0	yes
24	32	13	12	no	yes	12	0	no
25	30	20	20	yes	no	15	0	no
34	30	13	13	yes	no	11	0	no
39	29	20	18	no	yes	10	1	no
45	29	15	18	no	no	4	0	yes
46	21	13	12	no	no	12	0	yes
48	29	15	14	no	no	10	0	no
49	23	8	8	no	no	3	0	no
50	55	33	20	yes	no	23	0	no
56	56	21	15	no	no	24	1	yes
57	27	22	8	no	no	20	0	no
58	18	25	12	no	no	6	9	no
60	20	16	16	no	no	17	0	no
63	25	16	13	no	no	15	0	yes
65	19	9	8	no	no	7	0	no
69	38	17	15	no	no	13	0	no
70	25	15	0	no	no	16	0	no
72	23	20	7	no	no	4	0	no
73	9	9	1	no	no	8	0	yes
74	30	20	9	no	no	18	0	no
75	30	12	12	no	no	0	0	no
79	19	15	*15	no	†	15	0	no
81	24	19	0	no	yes	15	0	no
82	18	8	6	no	no	8	0	no
83	20	18	16	no	yes	15	0	no
18	42	14	13	no	no	20	0	no
37	28	23	16	no	yes	20	0	yes
42	22	20	20	no	yes	13	0	no
55	39	30	29	no	no	20	0	no
76	16	7	0	no	no	5	0	no
80	15	12	0	no	no	no service	0	no
59	14	12	8	yes	no	7	0	no
	1081	616	439	four.	seven.	474	4	nine.

* In part.

† Commander preached on Memorial Sunday to G. A. R., S. V., etc.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR.

BRANDON, VT., July 7, 1892.*To Commander H. S. Foster, Commanding Vt. Div. S. V., U. S. A.:*

SIR :—I have the honor of submitting to you the following report of the inspection of Camps of this Division.

Our Division By-Laws permit five Assistant Inspectors, but, as in my opinion, a less number would better subserve the interests of the Division, I decided to conduct the inspection with a less number of assistants than the limit prescribed.

Fortunately I was enabled to secure the services of three men, well known to be competent, for the trust: Past Col. Bixby, Mustering Officer Sault, and Past Captain Pecu, and the territory to be covered was divided between them and myself. It was our intention to inspect all of the Camps without more assistants, but Brother Bixby, was obliged to leave his work before it was completed on account of pressure of business, as was also Brother Pecu, so that it became necessary at a late day to find a brother to assist us who would finish their work as impartially and well as it had been commenced.

This proved quite a difficult task, but after considerable trouble and disappointment with brothers whom we had counted upon as reliable help in time of need, we at last secured the valuable assistance of W. L. White who visited six of the eight Camps assigned him. He was unable to inspect three, No. 71 on account of no quorum on night set for inspection, and Nos. 49 and 81 for lack of time. I have since tried to enlist the services of four different brothers in the work of inspecting these three camps, but to no avail, so that they must remain uninspected. This fact I very much regret, but it was unavoidable.

Besides the help of Brother White, Brother Carpenter of Brattleboro was detailed to inspect Bellows Falls for Col. Bixby who had arranged a date with them and at the last moment found himself unable to keep his appointment.

My predecessor held that it was not obligatory for the Inspector to personally inspect Camps, and may be he was right, but as I could not see wherein it was unconstitutional, I have undertaken to share the burden of the work as well as the glory.

Personally I have inspected thirteen Camps, Brother Bixby inspected thirteen, Brother Sault eleven, Brother Pecu nine, Brother White five and Brother Carpenter one. To these brothers I extend my heartfelt

thanks for the sacrifices they have made in the interests of this department of Division work, and for their painstaking and able efforts in making this, what I believe to be, the most impartial and thorough inspection our Division has ever had.

While in the performance of our work, we have been very hospitably entertained wherever we have met with the brothers, and it has been a pleasure as well as a duty to do the work assigned us. I desire particularly to speak of the hospitality of Brother K. W. Morse, who saved the Division considerable expense by refusing to receive payment for necessary hotel accommodations and team hire for the Inspector. Space will not permit me to make personal mention of the many who have so kindly entertained myself and assistants, at considerable trouble and expense to themselves, but we return our grateful acknowledgment of every favor received from the hands of our brothers and friends.

Because of lack of time I am unable to give as complete a report of the condition of individual Camps as I had hoped to be enabled to do, but I give a brief resume of same as indicated by the reports received from my assistants and from personal observation.

If I have made any mistakes and done any injustice to any Camp, I shall be glad to correct them. We shall expect to hear from all of our Camps to-day as to their present condition, but following is the condition in which we found them:

Nos. 2 and 4, the two oldest Camps in the Division, are in fairly good condition but entirely out of sight of their privilege. Both have lost their former interest in military drill, and have made very little, if any, advance during the year.

No. 6 is nothing extra for a Camp of its age. There is an apparent lack of interest on the part of its membership, who do not attend the meetings as might be expected. The officers have neglected to properly commit their ritualistic parts.

No. 7 in general is in good condition, but not what they have been in times gone by. They have a splendid board of officers, but they are not properly supported.

No. 18 appears to be in excellent condition, both as regards the attendance, membership, and general interest manifested. They are also fairly well fixed financially.

No. 19 is without doubt, all things considered, the best Camp in the Division. They are the strongest in point of membership, 102 strong, and every man uniformed, and the wealthiest, owning \$900.00 worth of property. They have made the largest increase of membership during the year, having gained by muster and transfer, thirty recruits.

No. 22 is the strongest as regards finance, they having \$332.25 above their total indebtedness. This Camp is an excellent one, and bids fair to soon rival the best in the Division. They have had some differences recently, but happily they have been settled, and they now present a united front.

No. 24 is in very good condition, but is at a stand still. Their floor work is first class, but in general they are like Bennington, Brattleboro, Underhill and other old Camps, in a semi-dormant state.

No. 25 has been doing poorly for some time past, but under present able administration, is beginning to build up rapidly. We may surely expect to see this Camp in working harness before many months.

No. 28 is isolated from everything except a few small suburban towns. I know this to be a fact, because I have been there, but it "gets there just the same." It is rumored that they have an L. A. S. there, which no doubt accounts for their excellent condition. They have been exceedingly unfortunate in several particulars during the past year, but are to be commended for their promptness in overcoming difficulties.

In No. 31 there appears to be a lack of interest. They are not as strong financially or in membership as has been their wont. They must take some nourishment and again become as strong and healthy as their nature demands.

No. 34 is also suffering very much from general apathy; finances necessarily low. There are indications of improvement.

No. 35 is small in point of membership but is in fair condition. The officers have been negligent in some particulars, but are determined that no further discredit shall be reflected upon them during the remainder of their term of office. There are fine prospects of improvement.

No. 36 has seen better days, but remains one of our best Camps. Their average attendance has been rather light but we need borrow no trouble as to the permanency and efficiency of this Camp.

No. 37 is also one of our best Camps and the interest is continually increasing. They have a good board of officers and are united as perhaps no other Camp in the Division; differences in the Camp room rarely exist.

No. 39's markings indicate a healthy existence. They are interested in the work, and are in fair financial condition, but there is an opportunity for improvement, which will probably be embraced.

No. 40. The war-horses of this Camp were found to be very much discouraged and talked of surrendering their charter. Financially they are all right, but there seems to have been a lack of interest in their meetings. They have made up their minds to take a new lease upon

life and try a L. A. S., which we expect will prove the proper remedy to restore them to health.

No. 42 is well uniformed and equipped, and generally in good condition, but the officers have failed to commit their parts, and in consequence it has detracted from the interest of the meetings. An improvement in this direction is necessary and may be reasonably expected.

No. 45 is not in the best of trim. Their officers did not have their parts committed. They have good material and there is no reason why they should not make improvement. They have just elected a new Commander, who intends to brace things up.

No. 46 is financially in good condition and is steadily gaining. They are in much better shape than they were one year ago, although markings may not indicate it.

No. 48 meets part of the time in Barnet and the rest of the time in West Barnet, which seems to be rather detrimental to its progress, as the attendance is always light. On the whole, it is a good Camp, when we consider the difficulties it has to contend with. Their floor work is excellent.

No. 50 is one of our foremost Camps. They are booming, are well fixed financially, and the membership shows considerable interest. They are going to have an L. A. S. at once.

The officers of No. 51 have neglected to commit their ritualistic parts. All show considerable interest, but could not be termed "Hustlers." Their Commander lives at Underhill and attends the meetings of his Camp quite regularly, a fact which is significant. Had the officers been properly equipped they would have easily marked in the first class.

No. 52 is not where it might be, but it has members who possess grit or they would have been "counting grass roots" long since. They are located in a small place and the membership is widely scattered. They have no post of the G. A. R. to work for or encourage them, and are practically alone in their patriotic work. They are deserving of a hearty word of commendation.

No. 55 is a "corker." They are the ranking Camp of the Division and their excellence in every particular shows conclusively that they have worked hard for this distinction. The most enthusiastic band of Sons of Veterans in this State is unquestionably located in the "reform city." Further comment in regard to their efficiency in unnecessary.

No. 56, our host to-day, is also a live Camp, as each delegate can see for himself. They have the largest number of equipped men of any

Camp in the Division. There appears no reason why it should not become one of our leaders.

No. 57 may be classed with those Camps who will soon be speaking for first place. So far as the general ritualistic work, is concerned, they are excellent. If they had been uniformed and equipped at the time of their inspection they would have been near the van. We may reasonably expect to hear them "talk" next year.

The condition of No. 58, with very little effort on the part of its officers, could be materially bettered. Had the officers taken a little more pride in the commitment of their ritualistic work they could easily have ranked in the first-class instead of being low in the second. We shall look to see Milton in better shape another year.

No. 59 has lacked proper instruction in the work, so that they are not wholly responsible for their rather unsatisfactory marking. The membership is widely scattered, but they have plenty of ambition to succeed and we may expect to see them make considerable improvement.

The officers of No. 60 did not have their parts committed, but show considerable interest and enter into the work with spirit. They may be considered above the average in general efficiency.

No. 61 is in healthy condition. Its officers have been somewhat negligent in some respects, but on the whole the Camp is a good one and is progressing quite rapidly.

No. 62 is one of the best equipped Camps in the Division, and with little effort might become one of our very best Camps.

No. 63 is at rather a low ebb. Their membership is scattered and they have many things to contend with. They have lost rather than gained during the year, but promise to make an advance during the year to come.

No. 64 has good material and unquestionably could become one of our leading Camps. They are now in fairly good condition, but have been handicapped somewhat by being burned out during the year, which destroyed considerable of their property.

No. 65 only needs to be uniformed and equipped to be able to rank well up toward the top. They have been very prompt in making their quarterly returns to Division headquarters, which is commendable.

No. 66. The boys in this Camp lack ambition and the Camp appears to be on the decline. Few Camps have started out under more favorable auspices than West Rutland, and it seems a pity that they should not come up to an enviable standard of excellence, which they could do

were they so minded. May we not hope for a better report another year from No. 66.

The remainder of the Camps from No. 67 to No. 85 are practically new Camps, and with but two or three exceptions, are in about the same condition. But one of these Camps has a set of officers that have committed their ritualistic parts, and there has been a general lack of enthusiasm prevailing among them. This single exception is No. 75. This Camp has a very promising future before it. It ranked 93 at inspection, and for a new Camp is deserving of great praise for its creditable showing. Montreal is another Camp that is deserving of special mention. Located on foreign soil, they have difficulties to contend with that we of the United States fail to realize. For instance, they are not permitted to use muskets, in the muster-in ceremony, a circumstance which greatly militates against the impressiveness of the ceremony. Notwithstanding the peculiar conditions under which they labor, they are above the average in their marking. A band of patriotic Sons of Veterans, we can surely trust our Stars and Stripes to their keeping.

Perhaps the condition of affairs in the several Camps may appear rather unsatisfactory, as I have represented it, but I have endeavored to present their actual state. I have had a longer official relation with the Division than any other Brother, and I can therefore say from experience that I do not think the Division ever had fairer prospects, or was ever in a more healthy condition, than it is to-day. The object of these inspections is to discover wherein we are weak, and I have endeavored so to do. My tendency to "sand paper rather than soft soap" is well known, so that you must not feel at all disheartened over what I have said. I merely desire to undeceive you in reference to the fallacy prevailing that there is comparatively little chance for improvement in our Camps. There is room for considerable, and decidedly so in one particular, that of the officers committing their ritualistic parts to memory. If I had the authority, I should entirely prohibit (after a limited length of time) the use of the Ritual in the Camp-room.

(Following are tables giving the rank and relative rank of the several Camps;—personal expenses of the Inspectors; general average footings, totals, etc., of all the Camps.) (Tables 1, 2 and 3.)

I have but few recommendations to make.

1st. That I believe that the inspection could be conducted much more satisfactorily, and at very little additional expense, if one man did the work personally. He should be a salaried officer, and receive a fair compensation for his services.

Under the present system, men are detailed as assistants who are unable to devote more than two or three days at a time to the work, and are therefore obliged to make quite a number of trips in order to inspect a few Camps, so that the expense of traveling is a great deal heavier than it otherwise would be, if one man went from Camp to Camp in a continuous round of inspection.

Again, the benefits to be derived from Camps would be greater, from the fact that this man would be in every sense qualified to instruct in every department of Camp work; the danger of men being detailed as assistants who are incompetent, would be overcome; all Camps would receive the same instructions and no injustice would be done in the markings.

If the plan adopted this year be continued next year, I believe it would be money well invested if the assistants meet the Inspector before entering upon their work and decide upon a scale of markings, to the end that the relative rank of our Camps be more correctly determined.

I would suggest an effort toward improvement in respect to the preservation of a proper military training while in the Camp-room; that greater courtesy and respect be shown commanding officers; and in the manner of saluting at the altar.

Hardly any of the Camps use the drum as directed in the ritual, and not a few omit singing entirely.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you, Commander Foster, for your courteous and prompt recognition of all communications relative to my work, and for the general assistance you and your Adjutant have rendered us, without which we would have been greatly embarrassed in the furtherance of our work.

Trusting that our next Inspector may profit by the experience of this administration, and find as much of value in the suggestions above set forth, as I was pleased to obtain from the report of my predecessor, I remain,

Yours respectfully in F. C. and L.,

E. T. GRISWOLD,

Inspector.

Table 1, giving expenses of inspecting officers.	Griswold.	Bixby.	Sault.	*Pecu.	White.	Carpenter.	Totals.
No. of Camps Inspected.	13	13	11	9	5	1	52
Expended for R. R fare.	\$27.40	\$15.12	\$17.41	\$23.37	\$3.67	\$1.20	\$88.17
Hotel Expenses.	15.50	20.60	8.50	20.05	6.35	1.00	72.00
Horse Hire.	7.25	15.50	8.50	2.50	10.00		43.75
Tel., Postage Ex., etc..	5.83	2.77	1.95	3.15	2.35	25	16.30
Totals.	\$55.98	\$53.99	\$36.36	\$49.07	\$22.37	\$2.45	\$220.22

*The expenses of Brother Pecu are proportionately larger than any of the other Assistant Inspectors, owing to the fact that to him was assigned a number of Camps located some distance from him and off the line of railroad.

Following is a table giving the markings and the relative rank of the several Camps :

TABLE 2.

CAMP NO.	RANK.	REL. RANK.
55	98	1
19	97	2
50	94	3
28	93	4
75	93	4
31	90	6
36	87	7
18	86	8
37	85	9
39	84	10
22	82	11
24	82	11
48	82	11
57	81	14
61	81	14
2	81	14
7	80	17
56	80	17
83	78	19
69	77	20

CAMP NO.	RANK.	REL. RANK.
4	74	21
65	72	22
42	69	23
34	69	23
6	68	25
62	68	25
60	67	27
72	67	27
45	64	29
46	63	30
51	62	31
52	60	32
25	60	32
82	58	34
74	58	34
35	57	36
58	57	36
78	57	36
64	57	36
73	55	40
63	53	41
66	52	42
40	51	43
77	51	43
70	50	45
67	48	46
76	46	47 ^o
59	45	48
68	45	48
84	43	50
79	40	51
80	39	52

TABLE NO. 3.

Table giving the general average, footings, totals, etc., of all the Camps in the Division, as reported to the Inspector General.

Question No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Has the Camp Commander committed his Ritualistic Work to memory?	Has the Senior Vice Camp Commander committed his Ritualistic Work to memory?	Has the Junior Vice Camp Commander committed his Ritualistic Work to memory?	Has the Sergeant of the Guard committed his Ritualistic Work to memory?	Are the officers regular in their attendance?	Are the members regular in their attendance? Give average number.	Are the records complete and well kept?	Are the dues promptly collected?	Is the bond of the Quartermaster Sergeant duly filed?	Are the officers uniformed? Give number and rank.	Do the officers wear Rank Straps in accordance with R. and R.	Do the officers wear Side Arms? State number and rank.	Are the members of the Staff provided with proper chevrons?	Number of members uniformed, as provided by Art. 13 of R. and R?	Is a badge presented to each Recruit when mustered?	Are the General Orders read in Camp regularly, and filed?	Is the Camp Room properly equipped?	Have all Reports and dues been forwarded to Division Headquarters?	How many regular meetings of the Camp have been omitted since last inspection?	Is the Camp free from indebtedness?
Total	105	140	123	92	181	148	211	108	207	177	130	108	110	143	260	254	220	260	209	245
"Yes"	13	20	19	10	5	0	27	26	41	22	22	19	19	6	52	50	25	52	18	49
"No"	25	17	23	29	0	0	2	3	10	9	23	27	26	10	0	1	0	0	1	3
"Part"	14	15	10	13	47	52	23	23	1	21	7	6	36	36	0	1	27	0	33	0
Per cent "Yes"	25	38.6	36.7	19.3	9.8	0	51.1	50	78.1	42.8	42.1	36.7	36.7	11.3	100	96.3	48.1	100	34.1	94.1
Per cent "No"	48.1	32.3	44.3	55.1	33.2	0	31.1	51.9	19.3	17.4	44.3	51.1	50.9	19.3	0	1.3	0	0	1.1	5.1
Average	2.52	2.9	2.52	1.19	3.22	2.13	4.3	2.13	3.3	3.5	2.6	2.1	2.2	2.2	5	4.5	4.1	5	4.1	4.5

TABLE NO. 3.—Continued.

Question No.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	Total per cent.	General Average.	1st Class.	2d Class.	3d Class.	Expense of Inspection.
Number of members in good standing?	1491	135	384	\$5346.18	\$1823.71	84.10	85.25	135	27	370.75	52	52	52	*17	494	3536	68	20	25	7	\$220.22
Give the total number of members dropped during the last year?	2½	2½	7½	\$102.43	\$35.07	1.62	1.64	2½	53+	\$7.13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$4.23½
Give the total increase by muster and transfer card since last inspection?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Give total value of all property owned by the Camp?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
How much money is in the General Fund over total indebtedness?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
What amount is charged for annual dues?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
What amount is charged for muster fee?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
How many special meetings have been held since last inspection?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
How many members have been received since last inspection?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
How much money has been expended for charity during past year?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Is there a Ladies' Aid Society in connection with the (Camp)?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Does the Local Post, G. A. R., attend the meetings and assist and encourage the Camp?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Does the Camp engage in company regularly?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
In what branch is the Camp equipped (Cavalry, Artillery, or Infantry)?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number of members equipped with arms and accoutrements?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

*Infantry.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF INSPECTOR.

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Col. J. S. Tyler	2	May 9	4			4	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	3	4	4	4	4
Capt. Frank Ray	4	June 14	0			3	3	1	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	4	4	4	4
P. T. Washburn	6	May 11	0			4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	4	4	4	4
Gen. Geo. A. Custer	7	" 20	5			5	4	1	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	5	5
Capt. E. B. Frost	18	April 23	3			5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	4	4	4	4	4
Gen. Wm. Wells	19	May 27	3			5	4	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	5	5	5	5	5
Col. U. A. Woodbury	22	" 25	2			0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	4	4	4	4	4
Maj. A. P. Davis	24	April 24	3			3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	4	4	4	4
Col. A. S. Tracy	25	" 15	0			3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	4	4	4	4
H. E. K. Hall	28	May 21	5			5	4	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	4	4	4	4
Gen. Stephen Thomas	31	" 7	3			5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	4	4	4	4
Milan Parks	34	" 13	0			0	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gen. Sedgwick	35	" 4	0			5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geo. T. Childs	36	" 30	0			5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.—CONTINUED.

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Col. J. S. Tyler.....	3	5	26	8	2	\$300 00	\$60 85	\$3 00	\$2 00	0	1	7 00	Yes	Yes	No	Inf.	28 74	81	1
Capt. Frank Ray.....	3	5	19	5	3	500 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	3	2	25 00	No	Some	12 68	74	2
P. T. Washburn.....	3	5	15	5	3	15 00	9 08	00 00	00 00	0	1	1 50	..	Part	8 94	80	1
Gen. Geo. A. Custer.....	4	5	37	0	9	125 00	16 18	1 20	1 50	1	0	5 00	Yes	Yes	31 86	80	1
Capt. E. B. Frost.....	5	5	43	0	30	155 00	52 88	2 00	2 00	5	1	120 00	..	Some	Yes	Inf.	39 97	1	1
Gen. Wm. Wells.....	5	5	102	5	17	900 00	35 00	00 00	00 00	6	0	10 00	..	Yes	32 36	1	1
Col. U. A. Woodbury.....	5	5	41	0	17	175 00	33 25	00 00	1 50	0	0	10 00	..	Some	32 36	1	1
Maj. A. P. Davis.....	4	5	31	0	0	175 00	38 04	1 60	00 00	0	0	10 00	No	Yes	33 60	1	1
Col. A. S. Tracy.....	3	5	23	15	7	100 00	2 62	00 00	1 50	1	0	10 00	Yes	No	Yes	..	30 93	1	2
H. E. K. Hall.....	3	5	38	7	3	158 00	172 58	2 00	1 50	4	1	10 00	..	Yes	30 93	1	1
Gen. Stephen Thomas.....	3	5	18	6	0	150 00	28 00	00 00	00 00	4	0	8 75	No	12 90	1	1
Milan Parks.....	5	5	31	2	4	125 00	4 20	1 50	1 50	2	1	8 75	20 69	2	2
Gen. Sedgwick.....	5	5	16	8	2	50 00	32 26	1 00	1 00	3	0	Part	51 71	2	2
Geo. T. Childs.....	5	5	71	0	2	250 00	5 86	1 50	2 00	0	0	8 87	1	1

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

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NAME OF CAMP.	No. OF CAMP.	Date of Inspection.	Has the 'Camp Commander committed his Ritualistic Work to memory?	Has the Senior Vice Camp Commander committed his Ritualistic Work to memory?	Has the Junior Vice Camp Commander committed his Ritualistic Work to memory?	Has the Sergeant of the Guard committed his Ritualistic Work to memory?	Are the officers regular in their attendance?	Are the members regular in their attendance? Give average number.	Are the records complete and well kept.	Are the dues promptly collected?	Is the bond of the Quartermaster Sergeant duly filed?	Are the officers uniformed? Give number and rank.	Do the officers wear Rank Straps in accordance with R. and R.?	Do the officers wear Side Arms?	State number and rank.	Are the members of the Staff provided with proper chevrons?	Number of members uniformed, as provided by Art. 13 of R. and R.?	Is a badge presented to each Recruit when mustered?	Are the General Orders read in Camp regularly, and filed?	Is the Camp Room properly equipped?	Have all Reports and dues been forwarded to Division Headquarters?
Col. J. B. Mead.....	37	May 26	5	5	5	5	4	22	4	3	5	4	0	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	5
Wynnan R. Burnap.....	39	April 16	5	5	5	5	4	33	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Capt. L. E. Sherman.....	40	June 15	3	3	3	3	4	33	3	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	5	5	5	5
Gen. T. S. Peck.....	42	May 16	0	0	0	0	4	33	3	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	3	5	5	4	5
Col. G. W. Hooker.....	45	" 27	0	0	0	0	3	33	3	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	3	5	5	4	5
Gen. Phil. Sheridan.....	46	" 17	2	0	0	0	4	23	5	5	5	4	0	0	0	0	4	5	5	3	5
Gen. Burnside.....	47	" "	2	0	0	0	4	23	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	4	5	5	3	5
Maynard D. Brock.....	48	Apr. 20	5	3	3	3	3	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	5
Gen. W. W. Grout.....	49	" "	3	3	3	3	4	33	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	5
G. W. Doty.....	50	May 18	3	5	5	5	4	33	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	5
S. W. Hinds.....	51	" "	2	2	0	0	3	33	4	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	3	5	5	5	5
C. P. Taylor.....	52	" 9	3	0	0	0	3	33	5	4	5	3	3	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5
Capt. C. E. Parker.....	55	" 13	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	3	5
G. D. Davenport.....	56	Apr. 22	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	4	5	3	5	5	5	5	3	5	5	4	5

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.—CONTINUED.

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Col. J. B. Mead.....	5	5	35	1	11	\$150 00	\$22 06	\$2 00	\$2 00	9	0	\$ 5 00	No	Part	No	---	14 85	1	1
Wyman R. Burnap.....	4	5	25	5	5	25 00	24 00	1 00	1 50	3	0	---	---	Yes	---	---	1 84	1	1
Capt. L. E. Sherman.....	0	5	25	2	1	5 00	17 60	1 00	1 50	3	0	---	---	---	---	---	51	2	1
Gen. T. S. Peck.....	4	5	23	2	3	130 00	73 09	1 00	1 50	3	0	63 00	Some	Some	---	Inf.	23 69	2	2
Col. G. W. Hooker.....	4	5	27	0	10	100 00	3 25	1 50	1 50	9	1	2 50	---	Yes	---	---	1 64	2	2
Gen. Phil. Sheridan.....	4	5	20	0	2	50 00	55 00	1 00	1 50	4	0	---	---	Part	---	---	63	2	2
Gen. Burnside.....																			
Maynard D. Brock.....	3	5	27	6	1	125 00	24 64	1 00	1 50				Yes	Yes	---	Inf.	28 82	1	1
Gen. W. W. Grout.....																			
G. W. Doty.....	5	5	56	0	15	180 00	111 04	2 00	1 50	4	0	---	No	---	Yes	Inf.	22 94	1	1
S. W. Hinds.....	5	5	33	0	2	50 00	28 68	1 00	1 50	0	1	25 00	---	No	---	---	62	2	2
C. P. Taylor.....	4	0	13	6	4	50 00		2 60	1 50	3	0	---	---	---	No	---	60	2	2
Capt. C. E. Parker.....	5	5	39	3	4	300 00	102 00	2 00	1 50	1	3	45 00	Some	Some	Yes	Inf.	25 98	1	1
G. D. Davenport.....	5	0	41	0	6	75 00		1 00	1 50	1	1	13 00	Yes	---	No	---	40 80	1	1

NAME OF CAMP.

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			5	5	5	5	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Capt. C. C. Ruggles	57	May 11	5	5	5	5	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Capt. F. S. Stranahan	58	" 13	0	0	0	0	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
A. A. Butterfield	59	" 10	0	0	0	0	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Lieut. J. C. Blackmer	60	June 7	0	0	0	0	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
S. J. Allen	61	Apr. 27	0	0	0	0	4	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
H. G. Hibbard	62	May 7	3	3	3	3	5	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Warren Holton	63	" 6	0	0	0	0	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Col. A. V. Colburn	64	" 10	4	0	3	3	0	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
J. A. Sheldon	66	June 10	0	0	0	0	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Hugh Henry	67	May 12	0	0	0	0	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Col. E. H. Powell	68	June 15	3	3	3	3	4	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Gen. L. A. Grant	69	May 27	0	0	0	3	3	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
John Sawyer	70	June 16	0	0	0	0	3	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Geo. S. Baker	72	May 14	0	0	0	0	3	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.—CONTINUED.

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Capt. C. C. Ruggles.....	5	5	26	3	3	10 00	\$12 30	2 00	\$1 50	1	0		Yes	Yes	No			21	1
Capt. F. S. Stranahan.....	4	5	18	1	1	30 00	8 09	1 60	2 00	1	0		No	No	No		16 45	57	3
A. A. Butterfield.....	2	2	14	2	3	48 00		1 50	2 00	1	0			No	No			67	3
Lieut. J. C. Blackmer.....	4	5	21	4	4	136 75	14 25	1 00	2 00	6	0			Some	No	Inf.	23 81	81	1
S. J. Allen.....	3	5	31	1	6	55 00	7 41	2 00	2 00	1	0			Yes	No		16 68	53	2
H. G. Hibbard.....	5	5	36	0	3	50 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	1	0			Some	Some			53	2
Warren Holton.....	5	5	25	1	0	25 00	10 00	1 00	1 50	5	2	\$18 00		Some	No		8	57	2
Col. A. V. Colburn.....	4	5	38	5	4	20 00	42 29	1 00	1 00	1	0		Yes	No	Some			57	2
J. A. Sheldon.....	4	5	19	2	0	50 00		2 00	1 50	0	0		No	No	No			52	3
Hugh Henry.....	4	5	16	4	6	5 00	28 50	1 00	2 00	2	1	5 00	No	Yes	No			48	3
Col. E. H. Powell.....	5	5	27	0	0	5 00		1 00	1 25	0	0		No	No	No			45	3
Gen. L. A. Grant.....	4	4	39	3	5	50 00	56 52	3 00	2 00	2	0			Yes	No			77	1
John Sawyer.....	3	5	25	2	2	10 76	14 75	1 00	1 50	1	0			Some	No			50	2
Geo. S. Baker.....	5	5	23	1	3	60 00	61 51	1 50	1 00	1	0		Yes	No	No			67	2

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E. E. Ellsworth.....	73	May 21	5	0	0	2	4	3	5	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	5	5
Mark J. Sargent.....	74	" 14	0	0	0	3	4	3	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	5
W. A. Loomis.....	75	June 13	5	5	5	4	4	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5
Col. W. G. Veazey.....	76	May 3	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	4	5	0	0	0	0	4	5	5	4	4
S. C. Hill.....	77	" 19	2	0	0	0	4	3	5	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	4	5
Garfield.....	78	Apr. 21	0	0	0	0	13	4	5	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	5
O. E. Adams.....	79	May 12	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	5
Col. A. Preston.....	80	Apr. 19	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	5
Lieut. N. C. Cheney.....	82	" 18	0	0	0	3	3	3	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	2	5	5	4	4
Gen. W. W. Henry.....	83	May 12	5	5	5	0	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	5
E. H. Nye.....	84	June 14	0	0	0	0	4	3	3	3	5	0	0	0	0	4	5	5	4	5
Geo. B. McClellan.....	65	Apr. 29	2	5	5	0	3	3	3	3	5	0	5	0	0	3	5	5	4	5

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.—CONTINUED.

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E. E. Ellsworth.....	3	5	5	3	3	\$ 25 00	\$20 83	\$3 00	\$0 00	1	0	---	No	Part	No	---	---	55	5
Mark J. Sargent.....	5	5	5	0	15	19 50	73 22	1 60	1 50	2	0	---	---	No	No	---	---	58	3
W. A. Loomis.....	5	5	30	0	30	100 00	23 30	2 00	1 50	3	0	---	---	Part	---	---	---	93	1
Col. W. G. Veazey.....	4	5	17	0	18	10 00	18 00	2 00	1 50	0	0	---	---	Yes	---	---	---	46	3
S. C. Hill.....	4	5	27	0	27	45 00	23 35	1 00	1 50	1	0	---	---	---	Yes	---	---	51	2
Garfield.....	4	5	19	0	6	5 00	13 67	2 00	1 50	1	0	---	---	---	No	---	---	57	2
O. E. Adams.....	4	5	19	0	11	25 00	19 00	1 00	1 50	8	0	---	---	---	No	---	---	57	3
Col. A. Preston.....	3	5	15	0	15	15 00	12 00	2 00	2 00	4	0	---	---	---	---	---	---	39	3
Lieut. N. C. Cheney.....	4	5	17	0	17	16 25	40 12	2 00	2 00	6	0	---	---	---	---	---	---	58	1
Gen. W. W. Henry.....	4	5	20	0	20	15 00	30 49	1 00	1 50	0	0	---	---	---	---	---	---	78	3
E. H. Nye.....	4	5	19	0	19	46 92	0	1 00	1 50	5	0	---	---	---	---	---	---	43	3
Geo. B. McClellan.....	3	5	20	0	3	30 00	15	1 00	2 00	5	1	---	---	Some Yes	---	---	5	72	2

REPORT OF THE MUSTERING OFFICER.

WEST RANDOLPH, VT., July 5, 1892.

*To H. S. Foster, Commander of Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans,
U. S. A.*

SIR:--I beg leave to submit the following report of Camps mustered since last encampment.

J. W. Currier Camp, No. 81, of North Troy, was mustered June 25, 1891 by Past Captain W. E. Cooley of Col. E. H. Powell Camp No. 68 of Richford, with 20 charter members.

N. C. Cheney Camp No. 82, of Lunenburg was mustered Sept. 21 1891, by Past Captain J. B. Ripley of Major A. P. Davis Camp No. 24 of West Concord, with 14 charter members.

General W. W. Henry Camp No. 83, of Huntington, was mustered Dec. 4, 1891, by Division Commander H. S. Foster of Burlington, with 13 charter members.

E. H. Nye Camp No. 84, of Glover was mustered Dec. 12, 1891, by Mustering Officer F. W. Sault of West Randolph, with 16 charter members.

Col. N. F. Dunshee Camp No. 85, of Bristol was mustered May 4, 1891, by Division Commander H. S. Foster of Burlington, with 20 charter members.

Captain Wm. H. Humphrey Camp No. 86, of Essex Junction, was mustered May 12, 1892, by Division Commander H. S. Foster of Burlington, with 15 charter members.

This makes a total of six Camps with 98 charter members mustered since last encampment. The first two were mustered during the administration of Colonel K. W. Morse. Camp No. 87, of Northfield was all ready to have been mustered before this encampment, but owing to unavoidable delays, it has been postponed to Tuesday evening, July 12. We have worked hard to secure this Camp and would like to receive the credit of it on this year's work.

I wish to thank you, Commander Foster, and Brothers of the Vermont Division who have assisted me in this work.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

FRANK W. SAULT.

Mustering Officer.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.

VERGENNES, VT., July 5, 1892.

*To Col. H. S. Foster, Commander Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans,
U. S. A.:*

COLONEL:—I have the honor to submit the following report :

During the year that has just come to a close, my attention has been called to but very few points of unpleasantness, and with my successor may peace reign throughout the Division.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

H. C. HERRICK,

Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE DIVISION COUNCIL, OCTOBER 13, 1891.

BURLINGTON, VT., Oct. 13, 1891.

The Council was called to order at 2.15 P. M., by Lieut. Col. H. S. Foster.

The roll was called, and the following members of the Council reported present : Lieut. Col. H. S. Foster, Maj. W. H. Headle, Capt. W. H. Boyd, Past Capt. J. B. Ripley, Chaplain A. G. Fay, Mustering Officer H. C. Herrick, and Chief of Staff E. T. Monahan.

By unanimous consent, Lieut. Col. Foster appointed First Sergeant Leonard Fiske of Gen. Wm. Wells Camp No. 19, as Clerk of the Council. The order convening the Council was then read. The presiding officer having stated that nominations for Colonel of the Division were in order, Maj. W. H. Headle nominated Lieut. Col. H. S. Foster of Burlington; seconded by Capt. W. H. Boyd. No other nominations being made, Chaplain A. G. Fay moved that the Clerk of the Council be instructed to cast one ballot for H. S. Foster of Burlington, which was done. Lieut. Col. Foster appointed Capt. Boyd and Chief of Staff Monahan to act as tellers. H. S. Foster of Burlington, was declared duly elected Colonel of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Capt. Boyd then nominated Chaplain A. G. Fay of Montpelier, for Lieut. Colonel; seconded by Past Capt. Ripley. Ballot was taken with the following result : A. G. Fay, 5; F. L. Greene, 1. Chaplain A. G.

Fay of Montpelier, was declared duly elected Lieut. Colonel of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Lieut. Col. Foster appointed Past Capt. Ripley, Capt. Boyd, Mustering Officer Herrick, as committee to examine the books and vouchers.

Chaplain A. G. Fay then moved that the actual and necessary expenses of the Council Meeting be paid by the Division; seconded by Maj. W. H. Headle, and carried.

Moved and seconded to take recess while the committee was examining the books and vouchers: carried. Meeting again called to order at 3.15 P. M. Past Col. Fox of Burlington, was asked by Lieut. Col. Foster to act as Installing Officer, and the former proceeded to install Lieut. Col. H. S. Foster of Burlington, and Chaplain A. G. Fay of Montpelier, as Colonel and Lieut. Colonel, respectively, of the Division of Vermont, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

After the installation, Col. Foster stated that he had been informed, whether on good authority or not he could not say, that the Camp at Brandon did not ratify the invitation to the Division to hold its next Annual Encampment at that place. The matter was discussed by Lieut. Col. Fay and Maj. Headle, and it was decided by the Council to await further and more definite information on the subject. The Council considered the time of holding the next Annual Encampment, and concluded to leave it to the Colonel to decide.

Col. Foster then presented the matter of a Field Encampment, and after discussion by Maj. Headle, Lieut. Colonel Fay and Past Capt. Ripley, the Council voted to have one.

Past Colonel Fox then made some remarks, congratulating the Division and the officers-elect, upon the fine work done at the meeting, and making a plea for harmony and co-operation.

Col. Foster thanked the Council for his election as Colonel of the Vermont Division, hoping to so perform the duties of his office that the Division would never have reason to regret his election. He asked each and all the members of the Council for their hearty co-operation in carrying out the work of the Division and the Order.

Lieut. Col. Fay then tendered to the Colonel, for the Division, for the members of the Council, and for the individual members of each and every Camp, their hearty co-operation and support, and he also thanked the Council for calling him to the office of Lieut. Colonel.

Maj. Headle then made some remarks for the good of the Order, saying that if every member of each Camp in the State would do his individual duty, the administration would be a success.

A recess was then taken, subject to call by the Colonel.

On the recall of the Council to order, Col. Foster thanked the members for their attendance at the Council Meeting, at personal inconvenience to themselves.

The Committee appointed to examine the books and vouchers, reported that the accounts balanced and that the books were in good condition.

The minutes of the Council were then read by the Clerk and approved.

The Council thanked the Clerk for his services.

There being no further business before it, the Council then at 5.00 P. M., on motion duly made and seconded, was declared adjourned *sine die*.

H. S. FOSTER,
Chairman.

LEONARD FISKE,
Clerk.

REPORT OF THE DIVISION COUNCIL.

BRANDON, VT., July 7th, 1892.

To the Officers and Members of the Tenth Annual Encampment of Vermont Division, S. V., U. S. A., H. S. Foster, commanding:

Your Division Council report that they have examined the books, bills and vouchers of the present administration, and find them correct.

Cash received during the year.....	\$1,196 69
Disbursements.....	1,171 93
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Cash on hand.....	\$24 76
Cash due from Camps	\$23 95
Outstanding indebtedness.....	6 48

Signed,

WILL H. BOYD, }
J. B. RIPLEY, } *Div. Council.*

DIVISION ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
WEST RANDOLPH, July 11, 1891. }

ORDERS No. 8,
SERIES 1891.

I. Having been elected Colonel of this Division, I hereby assume command and establish Headquarters at West Randolph.

II. At the 9th Annual Encampment of Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, held at St. Johnsbury, June 24 and 25, the following officers were duly elected and installed: Colonel, K. W. Morse, West Randolph; Lieutenant Colonel, H. S. Foster, Burlington; Major, W. H. Headle, Danby.

III. Division Council, H. O. Bixby, Chelsea; W. H. Boyd, Montreal, P. Q.; J. B. Ripley, St. Johnsbury.

IV. The Tenth Annual Encampment of the Division will be held at Brandon.

V. The following delegates were elected to the National Encampment to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., August 24-27, 1891: Delegate at large, Max L. Powell, Richford; Alternate at large, Frank G. West, St. Johnsbury; Delegate, E. T. L. Benedict, Poultney; Alternate, E. M. Kellogg, West Rutland.

VI. Adjutant and Quartermaster on Staff of Past Colonel Bixby are hereby released, and will report at Camp for duty.

VII. A. J. Huse of West Randolph is hereby appointed Adjutant, and J. B. Eldredge of West Randolph, Quartermaster, each with the rank of 1st Lieutenant, from June 25, 1891.

VIII. Other Staff appointments will be announced later.

IX. General Orders No. 5, and circular No. 2 from Commander-in-Chief is herewith promulgated.

X. Charges and specifications having been prepared against Captain W. J. Cave, commanding Camp No. 22, Barre, he was suspended from office and a court-martial appointed consisting of the following Brothers: Past Captain A. G. Eaton, Camp 31, Montpelier; Captain Will L. White, Camp 39, Calais; Past Captain A. J. Huse, Camp 37, West Randolph; Past Captain O. D. Clark, Camp 31, Montpelier; Captain A. H. Irish, Camp 45, Bethel; Past Captain J. B. Eldredge, Camp 37, West Randolph; Captain Don D. Grout, Camp 78, Waterbury, with Lieutenant Alland G. Fay to be Judge Advocate. In pursuance of Special Orders No. 3, the Court convened in Montpelier, June 22, at the office of Judge Advocate Alland G. Fay, and entered upon the discharge of its duties. The record of the proceedings, findings, and sentence have been received. The accused was charged first with conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in his relations to the Order, and second in violating his obligations given at the time of assuming his office as Captain of Camp No. 22. The Court found the accused guilty of the first charge and specifications, and not guilty of the second charge and specifications, and sentenced him to be degraded from the office of Captain of Camp No. 22, Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. The record of the trial and proceedings against Captain W. J. Cave, has been carefully examined. The testimony fully sustained the sentence, and the findings and sentence of the Court are approved. There being no recommendation that he be allowed to retain his past rank, all honors and privileges are forfeited.

XI. The office of Captain of Camp No. 22, Barre, being vacant, an election is hereby ordered as per Constitution of Rules and Regulations to fill such vacancy or vacancies thus caused.

XII. J. W. Cooley Camp No. 81, was mustered at North Troy, June 25, by Captain W. E. Cole, Richford, with 25 charter members. Captain elect F. A. Wheeler will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

XIII. The name, Warren French, No. 22, Barre, has been changed to Col. U. A. Woodbury.

XIV. Camps that have not reported will do so at once, and save being suspended. We find the past two quarters camps have been very prompt in sending in reports, which is very commendable. We hope to be able to report all camps in good standing on the 25th of July.

XV. All supplies must be ordered on Requisition Blank Form No. 1. No supplies will be sent unless these instructions are followed.

XVI. Attention is called to circular enclosed of A. W. Batchellor of Salem, Mass., chairman transportation committee for New England,

to Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., August 24-27, 1891.

XVII. Captains who have failed to send reports to Surgeon C. B. Ross, West Rutland, will do so within six days from receipt of this order.

XVIII. Make all money orders and checks payable to Quartermaster J. B. Eldredge.

XIX. We are more than proud of the L. A. S., which held its first division encampment at St. Johnsbury, with our order. As a Division we realize how important an organization it is and what great benefits we will derive from them, and I trust every Brother in the Vermont Division will use his best influences in their favor. Many little words of encouragement and praise will help them in their support and growth.

XX. All Brothers who are to take part in the parade at Bennington are ordered to report to Captain Andrew Maurer as soon as possible on arrival at Bennington. Would urge every Brother to attend this celebration. We shall not participate in the parade as a Division but as a Camp.

XXI. I appreciate the high honor that the Brothers of the Vermont Division conferred upon me at St. Johnsbury, June 25, and ask that every Brother consider that he has a work to perform in the coming year, and I am sure with such assistance as you have rendered in the past we can make this year a successful one.

By command of

K. W. MORSE,

Official,

Colonel Commanding.

A. J. HUSE,

Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
 WEST RANDOLPH, Sept. 14, 1891. }

ORDERS NO. 9,
 SERIES 1891.

I. Camps that have failed to send in reports for last quarter and are suspended, are Nos. 53, 59 and 71. This is a neglect on the part of their officers and we trust they will report at once and be reinstated. We hope the remainder of their term they will have their reports in

on time. Remember, Sept. 30 your reports should be sent to A. J. Huse, Adjutant.

II. General Order No. 8, article 12, corrected : Camp No. 81, name J. W. Currier, mustered by Past Capt. W. E. Pooley.

III. The following Staff appointments are hereby made :

Surgeon, Don D. Grout, Waterbury.

Chaplain, A. G. Fay, Montpelier.

Mustering Officer, H. C. Herrick, Vergennes.

Judge Advocate, B. C. Berry, Barton.

Chief of Staff, E. T. Monahan, Underhill.

These officers will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

IV. Adjutant's report, March 31, 1891, showed number in good standing, 1456. Adjutant's report, June 30, showed number in good standing 1477. There have been no official reports taken between those dates, therefore these headquarters fail to see how on June 27th there could have been over 1600 in good standing.

V. Reports of Quartermaster Sergeants, June 30, 1891, are as follows :

Cash on hand last report.....	\$109 93
Received from all sources.....	493 34
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	\$603 27
Expended per capita tax.....	\$ 61 80
Incidental expenses and supplies.....	404 84
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	\$466 64
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Balance on hand at date.....	\$136 63

VI. The following names should be entered on all Black Books as dropped : W. H. Wallace, P. S. Clough, Camp 28 ; E. O. Lawrence, Camp 36 ; W. W. S. Brown, E. C. Blanchard, C. H. Giltfillan, Frank Giltfillan, Camp 48 ; Wm. Bronville, Joseph B. Traynor, Rev. L. L. Hobbs, John L. Edwards, Camp 64.

VII. Name of applicant rejected : Willie Williams, West Concord, Camp No. 24.

VIII. Proceedings of court martial held by Gen. G. P. Foster Camp No. 13, against the accused brother, M. M. Williams ; he being found by said court guilty on both charges of theft and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the Order. The findings of the court have been approved, and M. M. Williams is hereby dishonorably discharged from the Order.

IX. Camps will if possible avoid ordering C. R. and R., and Rituals until the revised ones are out, for the changes in them will require all Camps to obtain new ones.

X. Camps that send in requisitions for supplies, if the supplies are not received at once, can understand that we have none on hand, and will be sent as soon as possible.

XI. Resignations have been received and accepted. Elections are hereby ordered to fill the vacancies hereby caused : Capt. W. M. Morton, Camp 58 ; Capt. Guy H. Farman, Camp 70 ; Camp Council E. H. Sargent, Camp 74 ; Capt. Farrand S. Stranahan, Camp 36 ; 1st Lieut. L. I. Bean, Camp 36 ; 2d Lieut. A. F. Childs, Camp 36.

XII. Application has been received and approved for a Camp at Lunenburg. Past Capt. J. B. Ripley has the credit for this work.

XIII. We wish the brothers of the Vermont Division would understand the regulation membership badge is not to be worn around in every-day duty. It is for Camp and parade use. We have a bronzed button for 8½ cents that would be more appropriate for that use. Captains of Camps will attend to this matter in their Camps.

XIV. The following officers have been elected and installed in Col. U. A. Woodbury Camp, No. 22, Barre : Captain, W. W. Jones ; 1st Lieutenant, A. J. Cave ; 2d Lieutenant, F. A. Duffee.

XV. We would recommend to the Brothers to look over the last issue of the Sharpshooter and take up with the grand club offer.

XVI. General Order No. 7 of Commander-in-Chief is herewith promulgated.

XVII. We intend hereafter to issue an order the first of each month. We have held back this one in order that we might issue it with that of the Commander-in-Chief.

By command of

K. W. MORSE,

Colonel Commanding.

Official,

A. J. HUSE,

Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION,)
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.)
WEST RANDOLPH, VT., Sept. 21, 1891.)

ORDERS No. 10,
SERIES 1891.

I. In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2, Special Order No. 1, Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., dated Sept. 19th, 1891, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the Vermont Division.

II. The Division Council is hereby ordered to convene in the Hall of Gen. William Wells Camp No. 19, at Burlington, at 2 o'clock, P. M., Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 1891, for the purpose of electing a Colonel to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Col. K. W. Morse, and such other vacancies as may exist in the elective offices of the Division. The Council will also examine all books, vouchers, and other papers of the different officers of the Division, and audit their accounts; and transact such other business as may properly come before it.

III. The composition of the Division Council is shown in Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 1, C. R. and R., to which attention is invited. The necessary expense of this meeting should be borne by the Division, and undoubtedly will be. Efforts will be made to secure reduced rates of fare on the railroads.

It is hoped that the members of the Council will regard attendance at this meeting, called pursuant to orders from the Commander-in-Chief of the Order, as an imperative duty, for which everything else, within human control, should be temporarily put aside. They are reminded that the presence of at least seven members is absolutely necessary to the transaction of any business, and that if this number is not present, the money of the Division will have been wasted, and nothing accomplished. Every member of the Council should be present.

IV. All communications to the Adjutant and Quartermaster of the Division, should be directed as heretofore, until further notice. Communications to the Lieutenant Colonel should be directed to Burlington, Vermont.

H. S. FOSTER,

Lieut. Colonel, Commanding.

Official,

A. J. HUSE,

Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BURLINGTON, VT., Oct. 14, 1891. }

ORDERS No. 11,
SERIES 1891.

I. At the meeting of the Division Council, Oct. 13th, 1891, pursuant to Paragraph 2, Orders No. 10, current series, Vermont Division, the following named officers were duly elected and installed:

Colonel—Lieut. Col. H. S. Foster of Burlington, vice Morse, resigned.
Lieutenant Colonel—Chaplain A. G. Fay of Montpelier, vice Foster, elected Colonel. These officers will be given the respect and obedience due their positions.

II. The staff appointments heretofore existing in the Division are hereby revoked, and the following substituted therefor, viz:

Adjutant—E. T. Monahan, Camp No. 7, Underhill.
Quartermaster—F. F. Morse, Camp No. 19, Burlington.
Surgeon—G. O. Webster, Camp No. 36, St. Albans.
Chaplain—R. C. Searing, Camp No. 79, Arlington.
Inspector—C. F. R. Jenne, Camp No. 2, Brattleboro.
Mustering-Officer—F. W. Sault, Camp No. 37, West Randolph.
Judge Advocate—H. C. Herrick, Camp No. 55, Vergennes.
Chief of Staff—T. T. Lamphere, Camp No. 39, Calais.
Sergeant Major—C. G. Andrews, Camp No. 19, Burlington.
Quartermaster Sergeant—E. E. Abbott, Camp No. 19, Burlington.
Council Clerk—Leonard Fiske, Camp No. 19, Burlington.
These officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. The Headquarters of the Division are hereby established at Burlington. All returns and reports should be addressed to Adjutant E. T. Monahan, Burlington, Vt. All requisitions for supplies, and correspondence relating thereto, should be addressed to Quartermaster F. F. Morse, Burlington, Vt.

IV. The delay in the distribution of blanks for the last quarterly returns, was due to inability to obtain them from National Headquarters, and not to any fault of this office. The new and revised C. R. and R. of the Order, is expected to be ready for issue sometime in November. All reports and returns pertaining to the last quarter, not yet sent in, should be forwarded with the least possible delay.

V. Communication to this Headquarters will receive prompt attention. Telegraphic correspondence should only be resorted to, when the

case is of such urgency as not to admit of the delay incident to the mail. All telegrams to this Headquarters, should, when possible, be sent over the Commercial Union Line, or its connection, the Canadian Pacific. All persons sending official telegrams to the Colonel, over the Western Union Line, should add fifteen cents to the regular price of the message, as this line charges that amount for delivery of messages to the Colonel, his residence being more than one mile from the Western Union office. Remember, this does not apply to any other line than the Western Union, and its connections, and in no case does it apply to messages to the Adjutant or Quartermaster.

H. S. FOSTER,

Colonel Commanding.

Official:

E. T. MONAHAN,

Adjutant.

“Put the Vermonters ahead, and keep the column well closed up.”—
GEN. SEDGWICK.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BURLINGTON, VT., Nov. 2, 1891. }

ORDERS No. 12,

SERIES 1891.

I. Past Colonel C. F. R. Jenne, of Camp No. 2, Brattleboro, having reluctantly declined the office of Inspector of the Division, owing to his inability to give the necessary time and attention to the duties of the office, Past Colonel E. T. Griswold, of Camp No. 4, Bennington, is hereby appointed to that office. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. Brother George W. Keeler, of Camp No. 19, Burlington, is hereby appointed Color Sergeant of the Division, and will be respected accordingly.

III. General Orders No. 8, and Circular Letter No. 1, from the Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief of the Order, are herewith promulgated. Special attention is invited to paragraph three, of the Orders above mentioned. As the Division Treasury is in a depleted condition, and the Division is considerably in debt, 10 per cent will hereafter be added to the cost of all supplies, in making requisitions. No requisitions will be filled until this requirement is complied with.

IV. Captains should at once make requisition for the new Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Every member of the Division, in good standing, should be supplied with a copy. Captains of such Camps as desire to try the new Ritual, should make requisition therefor.

V. The careful attention of all is specially invited to the provisions of the circular letter pertaining to the "Sons of Veterans Guards." Wherever possible, preparations should at once be set on foot for the organization of a Company in every Camp in the Division. A regiment of Green Mountain Boys should be speedily formed, and later, a Brigade. Rally, boys, as your fathers rallied from '61 to '65. The men of Vermont were among the first to respond to the call to arms, and no braver or better soldiers ever faced a foe in combat. Let us show ourselves worthy sons of noble sires. Let us make the amplest possible preparation to sustain the magnificent reputation they made, and to guard and defend the glorious legacy they have left us. Let us ever bear in mind those memorable words of the immortal Sedgwick, "Put the Vermonters ahead, and keep the column well closed up." The first Company in the Vermont Division is now being rapidly recruited in Camp No. 19, Burlington. What Camp will furnish the second? Wherever practicable, bands or drum corps should be organized in Camps. These have contributed much to the success of the Massachusetts Division, and doubtless of many others. Almost every Camp can have, at least, a small drum corps. The sound of the "spirit-stirring drum" and "ear-piercing fife" should be heard in every Vermont hamlet. The shrill notes of the trumpet should echo through the canyons of our grand old mountains, and reverberate from crag to crag. These will tend to arouse enthusiasm, attract attention to our noble Order, and bring needed recruits to our ranks. The fires of patriotism should be kept blazing brightly on our mountain peaks, and in our beautiful valleys, serving as beacon lights to beckon us onward to greater love of country, her flag, and her institutions; greater pride in the grand records of our ancestors; and increased devotion to the sacred work of our Order. *Rise, Brothers, shake off lethargy, and buckle on your armour.*

VI. Brother W. W. La Point, of U. A. Woodbury Camp, No. 22, Barre, has been recommended for appointment on the "National Press Committee," as the representative of the Vermont Division thereon.

VII. At the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Vermont Division, held at St. Johnsbury, it was voted that the Division furnish each Camp with "The Sharpshooter" for one year. The paper is mailed to the Captains of Camps each month, as soon as published. As the paper is intended for the benefit of all the members of Camps, it should be taken

to the Camp Room as soon as practicable, after receipt by the Captain, and there kept on file. Under no circumstances should it be taken from the Camp Room. If any Captain does not receive the Camp number of the paper by the fourth day of the month following that for which it was published, he should at once notify the editor and proprietor, W. W. La Point, Lock Drawer E, Barre, Vt., and request that it be forwarded at once. "The Sharpshooter" is the official organ of the Vermont Division. It is one of the best and most wide awake journals of its kind in the country, and its publication in the State is a great help to the Division. Attention is invited to the generous offer of prizes for the largest number of new subscribers, and to the fact that new subscribers between now and January 1, 1892, can get the paper for 40 cents a year. The paper is worthy of every aid and encouragement, and every Son of a Veteran in Vermont, whether he belongs to the Order or not, should promptly avail himself of this offer, and get twelve numbers of "The Sharpshooter" for $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents apiece. Every Camp in the Division should have its regular correspondent of "The Sharpshooter," either elected by the members, or appointed by the Captain.

VIII. The superiority of some of the Camps in the Division is plainly traceable to their efficient auxiliaries, the Ladies' Aid Societies. These Societies cannot receive too much aid, support, and encouragement, from the Sons of Veterans. They are doing a noble and disinterested work; they are building better than they can know. The Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies' Aid Societies contain many of the best women in the State. They should contain them all. It is hoped that the day is not far distant when every Camp of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, will have the efficient help of a Ladies' Aid Societies. Every Camp should exert itself to the utmost to that end. Even where there is a Woman's Relief Corps, there is always room and material for a Ladies' Aid Society. We say to the sisters of the Ladies' Aid Society, may God bless and speed you in your good work. If you do not get your reward in this world, you will be certain of it in the next. Your presence refines, elevates, and ennobles us, to say nothing of the material aid you render us. Again we say, God bless you.

IX. Brother C. H. Anderson, of Camp No. 36, St. Albans, having been duly elected and installed as Captain of that Camp, vice Stranahan, resigned, will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

X. Brother H. L. Colegrove, having tendered his resignation as Captain of Camp No. 7, Underhill, the same is hereby accepted. First Lieutenant F. P. Tilliston will assume command of the Camp, and order an election to fill the vacancy thus caused.

XI. The application for membership of Fred Butler has been rejected by Camp No. 19, Burlington. This name should be entered in all Black Books.

XII. The press of the State can help the Order and the Division by publishing notes of interest pertaining to the Sons of Veterans. Many of the Sons can be reached in this way, that could not in any other. To encourage this publication, and stimulate interest, copies of all Orders will be mailed to all papers known to be published in the State, and it is hoped that such parts of them as are of general interest will be published.

XIII. Incredible as it may seem, not more than half the Camps of this Division have rendered reports for the last quarter. How does this comport with the inspiring and stirring words of Gen. Sedgwick, quoted at the head of this order? Making due allowance for the delay and confusion incident to a change of administration near the close of the quarter, and any uncertainty as to where to send reports, this negligence on the part of some of the Captains is inexcusable. All Camps that have not reported by November 20th, will be promptly suspended.

By order of

Colonel H. S. FOSTER,

E. T. MONAHAN,

Adjutant.

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GEN. SEDGWICK.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BURLINGTON, VT., Nov. 30, 1891. }

ORDERS NO. 13,

SERIES 1891.

I. General Orders No. 9, from Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief of the Order, are herewith promulgated. Special attention of Camps is invited to paragraphs 2 and 7 thereof, and to the requests of the Committee on Ritual. One copy of the new Ritual will shortly be sent to the Captain of each Camp, and it is hoped that every Camp in the Division will make a thorough study thereof, and render a careful report thereon. The importance and necessity of each Camp having in its possession a “Blue Book,” are obvious. The Captains of such Camps as are not supplied with it, should make requisition therefor, without delay.

II. Lieut. N. C. Cheney Camp, No. 82, Lunenburg, with fourteen charter members has been mustered by Past Captain J. B. Ripley, of Major A. P. Davis Camp, No. 24, West Concord, and the following officers were duly elected and installed, viz: Captain, Harry Hill; First Lieutenant, Howard Colburn; Second Lieutenant, James Smith. These officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Charters have been approved for Camps at Huntington and Glover.

IV. It is hoped that every Camp has nominated its best available member for Captain, to serve during the ensuing year. As the next most important offices in the Camp are First and Quartermaster Sergeants, and Sergeant of the Guard, it is recommended that Captains elect announce these appointments as soon as elected, and before the rest of the elective officers are chosen. This should result in the selection of the best men for the most important places. It is hoped, also, that only members of the faithful band of workers in each Camp, only those who attend the meetings of their Camp regularly, have been nominated for elective officers, and that the new Captains well make all their staff appointments from the same class only, whenever practicable. Such are the men who should be rewarded with promotion. Personal popularity, except in so far as it may, in exceptional cases, conduce to harmony, should cut no figure in the selection. Nothing conduces more to the success, growth, prosperity, and stability of a Camp, then regular and punctual attendance at the meetings of all its officers, elective and appointive.

V. The election of officers for the ensuing year is required by the Constitution of the Order to take place at the first stated meeting of the Camp in December, and the officers elect are installed at the first stated meeting in January. Captains of Camps will report to the Adjutant, with the least practicable delay, the choice of their Camp for Installing Officer, and the date on which the officers are to be installed. It is important that Captains should act promptly in this matter, as not much time remains. There is good material for this office in nearly every Camp, and each one should choose an intelligent and experienced brother from among its own members, when practicable. While it may not be possible, in all cases, to observe the choice of Camps, this will be done as far as practicable. No brother has power to install officers, unless duly authorized to do so by the Colonel. In case the officer commissioned to install the officers of a Camp is not present at the meeting prescribed for

installation, the retiring Captain, or the ranking Past Captain present, is hereby authorized to perform the ceremony.

Installing officers will make a full report to the Adjutant, on blanks, furnished for the purpose, immediately after the ceremony. No commissions can be issued until this report is received. Camps must pay the necessary expenses of Installing Officers.

VI. The following named members of the Division have been dropped for non-payment of dues: F. B. Dorset, N. H. Rawson, D. H. Fraser, H. H. Bostwick and L. W. Colman of George P. Foster Camp, No. 13, South Londonderry; Curtis Corliss and Will Waldo of Gen. Sedgwick Camp, No. 35, Cabot; Morro Kenyon of Gen. T. S. Peck Camp, No. 42, Hinesburgh; A. J. C. Gray and C. W. Duke of Gen. W. W. Grout Camp, No. 49, Barton; J. S. Bosworth and Wm. H. Humphrey of Col. A. V. Colburn Camp, No. 64, Fair Haven. The application for membership of Aaron A. Rodes has been rejected by Milan Parks Camp, No. 34, Springfield. Captains will see that these names are promptly entered in the Black Books of their Camps. If there are any other names that should be entered therein, and have not been published in Orders, Captains will report then at once to the Adjutant, and they will be published in the next Order.

VII. While some of the Quarterly Reports of First and Quartermaster Sergeants are correct in every particular, many others are defective. To the end that all Reports rendered in future may be made out correctly, the special attention of Captains, First and Quartermaster Sergeants, is invited to the following: Only the names and data pertaining to those members who have been *admitted to the Camp by muster or transfer, during the term for which the Report is made*, should be entered on the face of the First Sergeant's Report. The blank spaces at the head of the face of this Report should be filled invariably, even if there are no entries to be made below, in which case a straight line should be draw diagonally across the face of the Report, from corner to corner, below the headlines. All the blank spaces opposite the names of those mustered or admitted by transfer, should be carefully filled. If the father served during the war in a Vermont organization, and the necessary data pertaining to his record is lacking, and cannot be obtained, make application therefor directly to the Colonel, and he will obtain and forward it. If the father served in an organization from another state application for the missing data should be made to the Adjutant General of that state, giving in the application all the information at hand, to facilitate the search. The record of every member of the Division, and

of the ancestor from whom eligibility to membership is derived, should be correct and complete in every particular, and every Camp should take pride in having it so. Be sure and credit the gains and losses to the proper causes. If a member is "dropped," do not report him as "dishonorably discharged." Dishonorable discharge can only be effected by sentence of a Court Martial. Dropped members do not appear in the losses, as they were deducted from the aggregate when they were suspended. Give the names of all such members on the preceding fold of the report, but do not subtract the number in the recapitulation. The "number upon which back tax is due" means those members who have been re-instated in their Camp, upon whom back tax is due the Division, not those who are in arrears to their Camp. This back tax cannot exceed 25 cents for any one member, or the per capita tax for two quarters, as every member is reported in good standing, and per capita tax paid on him until six months in arrears, and should his arrearages extend beyond another six months, he would be dropped. No back per capita tax is paid on members re-instated from dropped. Under the head, "gained during the term from suspended or dropped," do not enter the names of those gained by transfer from other Camps, as indicated in note under the recapitulation, as these names are entered on the face of the report.

The direction on the Quartermaster Sergeant's Report, that it should be sent direct to the Division Quartermaster, is wrong and misleading. This and the First Sergeant's Report, with the *per capita* tax, are sent enclosed in the same envelope, to the Adjutant, E. T. Monahan, Burlington, Vt., but all checks, drafts, post-office or express money orders, *should be made payable to Quartermaster F. F. Morse*, Burlington, Vt. Both reports should be completed and presented to the Camp Commander on last meeting night of the quarter, who should carefully examine and compare them, correct any errors found. see that the number reported in good standing agrees with the number on which per capita tax is paid; that the back tax on members re-instated from suspended, is enclosed for the full number of quarters due: sign the First Sergeant's Report in two places and the Quartermaster Sergeant's in one, and forward them *at once*.

By "Camp Commander," is meant the officer in command of the Camp at the last meeting of the quarter. If the Captain is absent, do not wait to find him. There will be no further excuse for errors in the reports. Any man of fair intelligence, if he *studies the directions carefully*, and takes proper interest in his duties, should be able to make a report correctly. First, be *correct*; second, be *prompt*. It is just as

easy to make out and forward your reports at the proper time, as to do it a week or month later, and somewhat easier. Your Colonel has published at the head of his orders, the famous, inspiring, and oft repeated order of the gallant and beloved Sedgwick. "Put the Vermonters ahead and keep the column well closed up." He trusts that he will not feel it incumbent upon him to remove it. The Vermont Division should be the *first* to report to the National Headquarters, and not the last, as it undoubtedly is, in this case. Unexampled leniency to some of the Camps has been shown, in the matter of time, for reasons referred to in previous orders, but it cannot be repeated.

Attention is invited to the fact that the Constitution of the Order requires the consolidated reports of the Division to be forwarded to National Headquarters *within twenty days* from the close of the quarter to which it pertains, and in the "general instructions" on the back of the First Sergeant's Report, you will find the following: "*Under no circumstances shall the Division Commander allow his reports to be delayed by failure to receive reports from delinquent Camps, but at the date provided by the Constitution, he will make up his reports from the data at hand, and report the name and number of such Camps as have failed to report.*" Now, brothers, business is business; duty is duty. There is no use of having any Constitution, Rules and Regulations, if they are not lived up to and enforced. Fair warning is hereby given that hereafter, reports from this headquarters will be made "on time," and such Camps as wish to figure thereon as in "good standing," must get correct reports in *promptly*. Incorrect or incomplete reports will be returned for correction, and the reports will not be considered "received," until they are returned corrected. All Camps rendering correct reports to this Headquarters on or before the last day of each quarter, will receive honorable mention in Orders. Remember, brothers, that the fate of an army or a nation, may sometime depend on your promptitude or punctuality, and the habit now formed may prove of inestimable value in after life, not only to yourself, but to your country.

VII. The Colonel is under the painful necessity of suspending the following Camps, for failure to render Reports for the last quarter:

Capt L. E. Sherman Camp, No. 40, Montgomery Centre, Capt. F. W. Bundy; Redfield Proctor Camp, No. 44, Rutland, Capt. M. F. Johnson; Gen. Burnside Camp, No. 47, Greensboro Bend, Capt. F. L. Batten; Col. E. Henry Powell Camp, No. 68, Richford, Capt. W. E. Cooley; John Sawyer Camp, No. 70, Lowell, Capt. G. H. Farman; and Col. A. Preston Camp, No. 80, Danville, Capt. J. H. Tilton.

The following named Camps were suspended in Orders No. 9, and are now six months in arrears:

Gen. Logan Camp, No. 53, East Corinth, Capt. W. H. Chalmers; Lieut. J. C. Blackmer Camp, No. 59, Manchester Depot, Capt. A. J. Davis, and O. M. Tillotson Camp, No. 71, Craftsbury, Capt. W. G. Tillotson. Three Camps have given notice that their charters must be surrendered. This lamentable state of affairs is doubtless due to lethargy and lack of interest and enthusiasm on the part of members of the Camps concerned, especially of the officers. Some of the latter, however, may have worked ably and faithfully, but have been seemingly borne down by adverse conditions. But it is not too late for these Camps to redeem themselves, and the Colonel hopes and confidently believes that every Camp in the Vermont Division will swing triumphantly into line, December 31st, 1891. Remember that no new officers can be installed until all arrears have been paid, and full reports rendered covering the period since last report. Your Colonel is as loth to give up a single Camp during his administration, as he would be to surrender a company of brave Green Mountain Boys to the enemy, on the field of battle. Remember that Vermonters die, but never surrender. Remember what your fathers said when all the other troops had been withdrawn from the bloody salient at Spottsylvania, and they were ordered to retreat: "We don't want to go. Send us ammunition and rations, and we can stay here six months." Remember that when the war was ended, the enemies of the Union could point to the colors of no Vermont organization that had been yielded to them in action. Now, brothers, with these examples before you, and many others equally as inspiring, will you let the banner of your Camp trail ingloriously in the dust, or will you keep it waving proudly aloft? I think I know your answer, and I confidently await results. Spring into the breach, seize the tottering flagstaff of your Camp, and plant it firmly on the ramparts. Your brothers will rally round you, and victory is yours. What we need is greater enthusiasm, greater devotion, a greater spirit of self-sacrifice, greater fidelity to duty. *Attend the meetings of your Camp, though the heavens fall.* Let nothing keep you away but sickness or death. No Camp can die, if its members are imbued with this principle. Captains have but a few weeks more to round out and complete their administrations. Do not let them pass into the history of the Division, bearing the stamp of failure. Redouble your exertions, get in all the worthy recruits possible, swing your Camp proudly into line, and turn it over to your successor in good condition; and as you retire from the cares and responsibilities of office, you will feel that you have earned the

surest and grandest reward this world can offer, the proud and happy consciousness of duty well performed.

VIII. In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Order, and the By-laws of the Division on the subject, the Colonel and Quartermaster have furnished bonds, which have been duly approved, and filed with the proper officers.

IX. The new C. R. & R. of the Order has not been received at this Headquarters. Upon its arrival, requisitions therefor will be filled in the order in which they are received. As stated in previous orders, every member of the Division, in good standing, should be supplied with a copy, free of charge. The Journal of Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Encampment of the Order, held at Minneapolis, last August, will soon be forwarded to the Captain of each Camp. Such works are the property of the Camp, and each member of the same should have free access to them in the Camp Room. They should be carefully preserved with the Camp records.

X. The attention of Captains is called to the fact that no dispensations can be granted until the name of the individual for whom the dispensation is required, is known, and also what particular requirement of the Constitution is desired to be waived. In no case will the desired action be taken by Camps, before the arrival of authority for the same. on the presumption that the dispensation will be necessarily granted, Dispensations should be asked for only in urgent cases.

XI. The following are the consolidated reports for the quarter ending September 30, 1891.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT.

	Camps.	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report,	50	1540
Gain by organization and muster in,	1	62
by transfer,		9
by reinstatement,	1	25
Aggregate,	52	1636
	Camps.	Members.
Loss by death,		2
by honorable discharge,		6
by transfer,		5
by suspension,	6	196
by dropped,		(21)
Total loss,	6	209
Number remaining in good standing,	46	1427

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

Division Account:

Amount on hand last report,		\$136.63
Received from all sources,		229.03
Total,		<u>\$365.66</u>
Expended for per capita tax,	\$ 58.08	
Incidental expenses,	228.01	
Total,	<u> </u>	<u>\$286.09</u>
Balance,		\$79.57

Camp Account:

Amount on hand last report,		\$896.33
Received from all sources,		845.35
Total,		<u>\$1,741.68</u>
Expended for per capita tax,	\$178.37	
Members reinstated,	3.13	
For relief,	42.75	
Incidental expenses,	539.32	
Total,	<u> </u>	<u>\$763.57</u>
Balance,		\$978.11

By order of

Colonel H. S. FOSTER.

E. T. MONAHAN,

Adjutant.

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—GEN. SEDGWICK.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BURLINGTON, VT., January 27, 1892. }

ORDERS No. 1,
SERIES 1892.

I. General Orders No. 10, Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief of the Order, and Orders No. 7, Headquarters Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, are herewith promulgated. Camp Commanders are directed to see that their First Sergeants *read in full*, all orders received, at the first stated meeting after their receipt. They will not assume to

judge what parts of orders are of sufficient interest to be read, or permit their First Sergeant to do so. Nothing more surely indicates lack of proper interest and spirit in a Camp, than the omission of this important duty, or any part of it. The orders of the National and Division Presidents of the Ladies Aid Societies should be read with the same care as other orders. Let us never forget for an instant, brothers, the respect and support we owe our sisters of these Societies, who organized in our interest, and that of the veterans and their families, and are doing so much for our welfare and advancement.

II. Brother F. F. Morse of Camp No. 19, Burlington, having tendered his resignation as Quartermaster of the Division, to take effect February 1st, 1892, the same is hereby accepted. He will, on that date, turn over all funds and property of the Division in his possession, to Brother Leonard Fiske of Camp No. 19, Burlington, taking his receipts therefor.

III. Brother Leonard Fiske is hereby relieved as Clerk of the Division Council, and is appointed Quartermaster of the Division, vice Morse, resigned, to take effect February 1st, 1892. He will receive the respect due his position. All checks, drafts, express or postoffice money orders sent to Division Headquarters in payment of per capita tax, should hereafter be made payable to Quartermaster Leonard Fiske, Burlington, Vt. All requisitions for supplies, with the money in payment therefor, and all correspondence relating thereto, should be addressed and sent direct to the Quartermaster. But Camp Commanders are again reminded that all quarterly reports, with the per capita tax are sent under one cover, to the *Adjutant*. The latter turns over to the Quartermaster, the Quartermaster Sergeant's reports, and the amount of the tax.

IV. The Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Vermont, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Montpelier, February 2d and 3d, 1892. Department Commander Morgan has kindly extended an invitation to all officers and members of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, to be present, and all brothers who can do so, are urged to attend. While it is not deemed advisable to officially convene the Division Council, it is hoped that most of its members will be present. Headquarters of the Division will be established at the Pavilion. Hotel rates will be as follows : Pavilion, \$2.00 per day ; all other hotels, \$1.50 per day; boarding houses, \$1.00 per day. Reduced rates can be obtained on all railroads, Feb. 1st to 4th, inclusive. On Monday evening, Feb. 1st, a reception will be given by the Department Officers of the

Woman's Relief Corps and Brooks Corps of Montpelier, to the visiting Comrades and Sons of Veterans. On Tuesday evening, Feb. 2d, at 7.30 o'clock, a public Camp Fire will be held under the auspices of Brooks Post of Montpelier, in the Opera House. Commander-in-Chief Palmer and Staff, and Past Commander-in-Chief Veazey, are expected to be present and participate.

V. The attention of Camps is invited to the offer of Brother W. W. LaPoint, editor of our official organ, *The Sharpshooter*, that any Camp sending ten subscribers at 45 cents each, will be entitled to have their Camp Commander's picture in *The Sharpshooter* without extra cost. It is believed that all Camps will be interested in seeing the picture of the brother they have elevated to the responsible position of Commander, in *The Sharpshooter*, and it is hoped there will be a generous response.

VI. Mustering Officer F. W. Sault is editing a column in the *Herald and News*, of West Randolph, devoted to the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Veterans, and has kindly offered as much space as is required. Brothers are requested to send any items concerning Camps or members of the Order, to the address above indicated. Brother Sault deserves support and encouragement in his efforts to advance the interests of the Division.

VII. Commander C. J. Smith of Camp No. 83, Huntington, is hereby appointed official correspondent for this Division, of the *National Reveille*, published at Chicago, Illinois. Brother Smith requests all Camp Commanders or other members of Camps, to send him lists of the new officers, and any items of interest pertaining to their Camps, and he will arrange them for publication. It is hoped this request will be complied with. The Vermont Division will doubtless sometime want the National Encampment held within its limits, so let us all take hold and help Brother Smith put the Greek Cross of the old Sixth Corps, the symbol of the Vermont Division, in every issue of the *National Reveille*.

VIII. The Division Commander is much gratified with the greater accuracy with which reports for the last quarter were prepared, and the promptitude with which many of them were rendered.

The following named Camps, having rendered correct reports to this Headquarters on or before the last day of the quarter, are, in accordance with paragraph 7, Orders No. 13, series of 1891, entitled to honorable mention in the order named :

NO.	LOCATION.	COMMANDER.
46.	Cambridge.....	Willis Safford.
65.	Post Mills.....	G. W. Warren.
13.	South Londonderry.....	H. J. Ramsdell.
67.	Windsor.....	J. C. White.
58.	Milton.....	H. H. Lucia.
83.	Huntington.....	C. J. Smith.
39.	Calais.....	W. L. White.
60.	Manchester Depot.....	A. J. Davis.
73.	Montreal.....	W. H. Boyd.
36.	St. Albans.....	C. H. Anderson.
57.	Poultney.....	W. H. Lamb.
64.	Fair Haven ..	H. J. Kidder.
24.	West Concord.....	P. S. Woodbury.
81.	North Troy.....	F. A. Wheeler.
72.	Danby.....	W. H. Griffith.
69.	Bellows Falls.....	C. H. Waite.
50.	Morrisville.....	H. B. Daniels.
61.	W. R. Junction.....	C. H. Brown.
76.	Wolcott.....	D. H. Wheeler.
7.	Underhill.....	F. P. Tilliston.
48.	Barnet.....	H. E. Farrow.
75.	Lyndonville.....	R. A. Childs.

“Well done, good and faithful servants.” In considering this subject, due allowance should be made for the fact that the last meeting night of the quarter varies greatly in different Camps, and that the reports cannot properly be forwarded until after this takes place. Three other Camps made partial reports before the close of the quarter. A few Camps have not yet reported, or asked for Installing Officers. Commanders of these Camps must act with the utmost promptitude.

IX. It appears from the First Sergeant's report of Camp No. 7, Underhill, that E. H. Edwards, seventeen years of age, has been mustered as a member of the Camp. Being below the age prescribed in the Constitution of the Order for the admission of members, his muster was null and void, and he will be dropped from the rolls of the Camp.

X. General W. W. Henry Camp, No. 83, Huntington, was mustered by Division Commander H. S. Foster, December 4, 1891, with 13 charter members. Clinton J. Smith was elected Camp Commander.

XI. E. H. Nye Camp, No. 84, Glover, was mustered by Mustering

Officer F. W. Sault, December 12, 1891, with 16 charter members. Noah H. Drew was elected Camp Commander.

XII. By reason of an error in the Division Roster of 1891, Lieut. J. C. Blackmer Camp of Manchester Depot, Capt. A. J. Davis was suspended in last order. The Camp which should have been suspended was A. A. Butterfield of Jacksonville, Capt. A. J. Pike. The first mentioned Camp has been continuously in good standing, and the Division Commander regrets that injustice was unintentionally done it.

XIII. It is the painful duty of the Division Commander to announce to the Division the death of two of its most valued members, both, by a singular fatality, officers elect of H. E. K. Hall Camp, No. 28, Chelsea; Camp Commander Frank S. Tuller and Junior Vice-Camp Commander Frank E. Griffin. Worthy sons of noble sires, they fell at the post of duty. The heartfelt sympathy of every member of the Division goes out to the relatives and friends of the deceased Brothers; and to the members of Camp 28, who have suffered an irreparable loss, but who, like true soldiers, have closed up the ranks and moved on.

XIV. The attention of Camps is invited to the near approach of Union Defenders Day, Feb. 12th, the anniversary of the birth of the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. It is strongly urged that every Camp in the Division hold a meeting on the evening of that day, to do honor, in such manner as may seem most fitting, to the memory of the man who struck the shackles from four million slaves. It is recommended that members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, and Ladies' Aid Societies, also the general public, be invited to participate in this patriotic service.

By order of

H. S. FOSTER,

Division Commander.

E. T. MONAHAN,

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HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BURLINGTON, VT., Feb. 29, 1892. }

ORDERS No. 2,
SERIES 1892.

I. General Orders No. 1, from the Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief of the Order, are herewith promulgated. Special attention is

invited to paragraph 13 of the same. The response of the Vermont Division to this appeal, should be what might naturally be expected from a State always noted for patriotism. Camp Commanders are requested to again have read in Camp the circular letter of Past Commander-in-Chief Webb, dated June 19, 1891, and invite contributions for this worthy object. Every member of the Division should make a contribution, however small, and it is hoped every Camp will be heard from. If Camp Commanders will forward their Camp contributions directly to the Division Commander, they will be receipted for, credited to the Camp, and duly forwarded to the Quartermaster General, with a detailed statement of their source.

II. To those members of the Division who have been chosen to preside over the destinies of their Camps during the year, the Division Commander extends hearty congratulations, and he hopes each and every one will make the year the most prosperous and successful one in the history of their Camp. They are reminded that their Camp will be in a great measure what they make it. The new officers have been installed, the Division is now organized for the year's campaign, and with few exceptions, every officer and man is at his post of duty. In my mind's eye, I see the same resolute cast of features, the same gleam of determination in the eye, that were always visible in your fathers' faces thirty years ago, as they were about to move upon the foe. I now give the signal, and call upon the *whole line* to advance, not in a timid, halting, wavering, and uncertain manner, but in a *grand resistless charge*, that will sweep down the barriers of apathy, indifference, lack of interest, and ignorance of the aims and objects of the Order. In ordering this advance, my knowledge of the way your fathers invariably responded to such calls, leaves no doubt in my mind of the result, and I confidently expect to see the colors of every Camp in the Division flying in the very front line of battle, and wherever the fight rages fiercest. Then forward, boys, *forward*. The new Constitution of the Order forbids the appointment of Special Aides, but authorizes the detail of brothers for any special work. Every brother of the Vermont Division is hereby detailed for the special work of bringing in worthy recruits for his Camp, and every one can and *should* bring in at least one. If every member will do his duty in this respect, the membership of the Division can be doubled in four months. Reflect, brothers, that Vermont sent more than 30,000 soldiers to the war of the Union. What are we doing with a mere corporal's guard of 1,600 men? We ought to have at least 10,000. The trouble is that we have been asleep. And now let us *wake up and go to*

work. All honor to the faithful little band of workers, who have so nobly and generously given their time and energies to building up the Division. But the work has been done by a comparatively few men. This is not as it should be. Every member of the Division should be an active and whole-souled worker. The newest and humblest private in the ranks has a work to do. Most of our fathers were privates, and every war in history has been mainly fought and won by privates.

While every precaution should be taken to keep unworthy members from our Order, we should beware of trying to be too select in our membership. "All male descendants, not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War of 1861-65," are not only eligible to membership, but have a *right* to it, provided they are of good moral character, have never been convicted of any infamous crime, and if neither they nor their father have borne arms against the government of the United States. Let us not forget, brothers, that charity is one of the foundation stones of our Order, and that our fathers, shoulder to shoulder, endured the same privations, shared the same dangers, slept on the same blankets, and "drank from the same canteen." Then be they rich or poor, educated or ignorant, of native or foreign extraction, white or colored, let us have them in our Order, where they have a right to be, and where they *ought* to be, and give them a royal welcome. Not too many questions were asked in the dark days of 1861-62, when a man presented himself for enlistment to fight for the Union, and let us not ask too many now, when their descendants knock at our doors for admission. The Camp showing the largest increase in membership during each quarter, will hereafter receive honorable mention in orders. The work which I lay out for you, brothers, is as follows: First, attend every meeting of your Camp, at any cost and any sacrifice, unless prevented by sickness; pay your dues promptly, and loyally support your officers; second, bring new members into your Camp; third, organize new Camps; fourth, secure the organization of a Ladies' Aid Society, unless you have one already; fifth, organize companies of the Sons of Veterans Guards. I await results anxiously, but confidently.

No duty that the Division Commander is called upon to perform is more pleasant than that of approving applications for charters of new camps, that he believes will live and flourish. Camps are in process of organization at Bristol, Essex Junction, Northfield and Dorset. Every Division Officer is expected to interest himself actively in the formation of at least one new Camp. We do not want any "mushroom" Camps,

but every available point that can be *held*, should be seized and occupied by a Camp of the Sons of Veterans. Too great rashness will sometimes lose a battle, but too great timidity and caution will lose it oftener. There are several important strategic points in the Division, still unoccupied, which should be seized and fortified, with the least practicable delay. Among these are West Burke, Bradford, Stowe, Wilmington, Wells River, Swanton, Island Pond, Castleton, Franklin, Bakersfield, Putney, and others. The garrisons at Hardwick, Newport, Newport Centre, Woodstock, Warren, Waitsfield, Worcester, Rochester, East Wallingford, Ripton and Weston, which long since surrendered to the enemy, should be replaced by new and fresh troops. All members of the Division, especially Camp officers, are urged to interest themselves in the work of organizing new Camps, and reviving those that are dead, and due credit will be given in orders to successful work in that line. The members of the Grand Army are our most efficient helpers in this direction, and efforts should be made to interest them in the work, by appointment of committees from Posts, or otherwise. When a Post of the Grand Army endorses the project for the formation of a Camp of Sons of Veterans, the Camp is reasonably sure of being formed, provided there is any material to work on. When the Veterans take hold, something has to give way in front, as was the case down South, thirty years ago. The Division Commander hopes and expects to approve the application for a charter for Camp No. 100, before he turns over to his successor, four months hence, and he hopes to turn over 3,000 members, at least, in good standing. Whether he will do so or not, brothers, depends upon you. It is hoped that the Vermont Division will show the highest percentage of gain in membership of any Division, at the next Annual Encampment.

The point at which the next Annual Encampment of the Order is to be held, is so far distant as to preclude a large attendance from this Division, but members should at once give notice to their employers that they will require a vacation of three days in June or July, to attend the Division Encampment, and one of about a week in September, to attend the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. The colors of every Camp in the Division should be proudly unfurled to the breeze on the banks of the beautiful Otter Creek at Brandon, and at least 1,000 members should be present. The pavements of Washington should resound with the tread of at least 500 hardy young Green Mountain Boys, in the grand procession. There should be a battalion of Sons of Veterans Guards in the procession at Brandon, and at the Encampment

of 1893, a full regiment. Camp No. 22 of Barre, is about to organize Company B. What Camp will furnish Company C?

III. Judge Advocate Henry Barrows of the Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, has sent to the Commander of every Camp in the Division, not already having an Aid, a package containing the C. R. & R. of that most worthy Order, a blank application for charter, and circulars giving full information in regard to organization. Any further information will be cheerfully furnished by the Division President, Miss S. Ada Hall, Chelsea, Vermont, or Judge Advocate Barrows of Brandon. Camp Commanders are urgently requested to have the circular of Mrs. J. S. Mason, Medina, Ohio, National President, read in full, in Camp, and where no Aid exists, to at once take steps, by the appointment of a committee, or otherwise, to organize an Aid. The importance of this step, to the future of a Camp, cannot be overestimated. No Camp, with an active and efficient Aid, can die or fall to the rear. No Camp Commander can better signalize his administration, or so certainly insure his Camp against adversity in future, as by organizing an Aid. Under the wise, energetic, and inspiring leadership of its president, Miss Hall, the Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, has taken high rank, and let us take hold, brothers, and help her and her noble band of sisters, and show that we appreciate what they are doing for us, and for the Veterans and their families. *Now is the time to work.* Don't delay. Twenty new Aids, at least, should be organized in this Division before the next Encampment.

IV. The Division Commander is proud to be able to announce that he was not obliged to suspend a single Camp for failure to render reports and pay dues for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1891, and that three Camps, previously suspended, were re-instated, viz: Capt. L. E. Sherman Camp, No. 40, Montgomery Centre, Commander F. W. Bundy; Col. E. Henry Powell Camp, No. 68, Richford, Commander W. E. Cooley; and Col. A. Preston Camp, No. 80, Danville, Commander J. H. Tilton. Camp Commanders, First and Quartermaster Sergeants of every Camp in the Division are earnestly enjoined to carefully study paragraph VII, Orders No. 13, series of 1891, from this Headquarters, and to follow, with undeviating accuracy, the directions therein contained for making reports. Much improvement has been observed, but there is room for much more. Remember that no member can properly be reported "dropped" unless he was reported "suspended" six months previously, and the names should invariably be given in both cases. Do not include money for supplies with the per capita tax, for the former should, in all cases, be sent

directly to the Quartermaster, and the latter to the Adjutant. Be sure to make all reports in duplicate, and keep one copy of each on file with the camp records. Blanks for reports, which have heretofore been sent by the Quartermaster, will hereafter be sent by the Adjutant, accompanied by an envelope directed to the latter officer. The "balance last report" on Q. M. Sergeant's blank, and "number of members in good standing at date of last report," on First Sergeant's blank, will be entered in red ink at this headquarters. This entry must not be changed.

If it does not agree with similar entries in the Camp records, open correspondence at once with the Adjutant or Quartermaster (according as the error is on First or Q. M. Sergeant's blank), explaining the discrepancy.

The Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, had the honor to be the first to render a consolidated report to the National Headquarters, for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1892, and this report had to go to Ohio. This was what might naturally have been expected. But, brothers, shall we permit ourselves to be outdone by our sisters of the Division? If the officers of every Camp in the Division will see that correct reports, with per capita tax, are forwarded to this Headquarters on or before the 31st day of March, or at the latest, the tenth day of April, which is the limit prescribed by the Constitution, I think I can safely guarantee that the Vermont Division will be the first to report to the National Headquarters for the quarter ending March 31, 1892. Let us put the Vermont Division at the head of the column, and keep it there.

V. The time for the annual inspection is rapidly approaching, and it is hoped every Camp Commander is making active preparations for that important event, which, in so many particulars, marks our standing and progress. The Vermont Division ranked seven in general standing last year, and it is earnestly hoped that it will take higher rank this year. An inspection blank will shortly be mailed to each Camp Commander, that he may familiarize himself with the requirements. He should personally see that every officer of the camp is able to go through his ritualistic work without reference to the ritual: that he has a well drilled mustering detail; that the books and records are complete, and correctly and accurately kept; that his Quartermaster Sergeant has filed a correct bond; and in short, that every requirement for a high rating of his Camp is, as far as possible, fulfilled. Frequent rehearsals of the ritualistic work, and the mustering-in-ceremony, should be held in every Camp. Don't wait until the time for inspection, and then trust to luck and chance. Become so familiar with your ritualistic work, that you

could not miss it, if you tried. Your Camp will then not only obtain a higher rating at inspection, and raise that of the Division, but your meetings will be more interesting and attractive; the ceremonies will be more impressive, and the interest in the meetings will be increased. Nothing in this world is more certain, brothers, than the fact that if we attain a high percentage at inspection, *we have got to work for it and work hard.*

VI. With this order, is enclosed to Camp Commanders, a blank, furnished by the Adjutant General of the Order, which they are requested to carefully fill out, and return to the Division Adjutant, *with the least possible delay.*

VII. The attention of Camp Commanders is again called to the fact that the copy of "The Sharpshooter" mailed to them monthly, is the property of the Camp, paid for by the Division, and that it should be taken to the Camp-room at or before the first meeting after its receipt, *and left there.* Every member of the Camp has an equal right and interest in it, and it should, under no circumstances, be taken from the Camp-room.

VIII. Camp Commanders are requested to turn to Orders No. 1, series of 1891, and carefully read paragraph XII, containing the suggestions of Past Col. Bixby to his new Captains. It would be well, also, to have the last part of the paragraph containing suggestions to brothers, read in Camp. This paragraph contains many valuable suggestions, which apply equally well now.

IX. All Camps not yet supplied with the new C. R. & R., should make requisition therefor at once, and supply every member with a copy. Comparatively few Iron Crosses have been ordered. Every Past Captain in good standing is entitled to wear one, and every one should be proud to wear it. It has been ordered for every Camp in the Division, and is awaiting requisition. Every Camp in good standing which has not already done so, should order it at once, and present it to the Captain of 1891. It is recommended that all brothers constantly wear the Button or Pin, of Bronze, Enamel, or Oxidized Silver, as a ready means of recognition. All these can be obtained from the Quartermaster on requisition. Remember to add ten per cent to the price of all supplies, and send sufficient additional to cover postage or express charges. The surplus, if any, will be returned or credited to the Camp. The badge of the Order should only be worn on duty, or on occasions of ceremony.

X. Past Commander-in-Chief Webb, having rendered a decision that it is not legal to publish in Division orders the names of members dropped for non-payment of dues, or to order such names to be entered on the Black Books of Camps ; and this decision having been concurred in by the Commandery-in-Chief at the last Annual Encampment, the practice at this Headquarters will be discontinued. The above, however, does *not* apply to the names of rejected applicants for membership.

XI. The sympathy of the Division is extended to H. E. K. Hall Camp, No. 28, of Chelsea, and Col. A. V. Colburn Camp, No. 64, of Fair Haven, in the recent loss by these Camps of nearly all their records and Camp furniture, by fire. It is recommended that all Camps have their property insured.

XII. With sorrow, the Division Commander announces the death of Brother O. G. Durkee, Quartermaster Sergeant of Garfield Camp, No. 78, Waterbury. The Great Destroyer does not visit alone the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic.

XIII. The following are the consolidated reports for the quarter ending December 31, 1891 :

ADJUTANT'S REPORT.

	Camps.	Members.
Number in good standing at date of last report,	46	1427
Gained by organization and muster in,	2	82
by transfer,		8
by re-instatement,	3	98
by error in report of June 30, 1891,	2	—
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Aggregate,	53	1615
	Camps.	Members.
Loss by death,	3	
by honorable discharge,	10	
by transfer,	14	
by suspension,	92	
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Total Loss,	119	
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Number remaining in good standing,	53	1496

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

Division Account :

Amount on hand last report,		\$134 50
Received from all sources,		327 37
Total,		<u>\$461 87</u>
Expended for per capita tax,	\$ 62 56	
Incidental expenses,	310 88	
Total,	—————	<u>\$373 44</u>
Balance,		<u>\$88 43</u>

Camp Account :

Amount on hand last report,		\$ 978 11
Received from all sources,		1,379 68
Total,		<u>\$2,357 79</u>
Expended for per capita tax,	\$195 50	
for relief,	75 70	
incidental expenses,	835 16	
Total,	—————	<u>\$1,106 36</u>
Balance,		<u>\$1,251 43</u>

By order of

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Division Commander.

E. T. MONAHAN,

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HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BURLINGTON, VT., March 30, 1892. }

ORDERS No. 3,
SERIES 1892.

I. General Orders, No. 2, from the Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief of the Order, and Orders No. 2, Headquarters Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, are herewith promulgated.

II. The Commander-in-Chief for the second time, and the Division Commander for the third time, call attention to the urgent importance of every member of the Order being supplied with a copy of the new Constitution. It is difficult to account for the apathy and indifference of many Camp Commanders on this subject. All who have not already done so, will at once submit requisitions for a sufficient number to supply every member of their Camp, and have a surplus for new members. Camp Commanders will carefully note the requirements of every order, and personally see that they are promptly and fully complied with.

III. The attention of Camp Commanders is again invited to paragraph 2, General Orders No. 9, series of 1891, from Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief of the Order, which follows below :

“ Colonels of Divisions will receive with these orders sufficient copies of the proposed new Ritual to supply one copy to each Camp. These are not to supersede the present Ritual, but are intended to be submitted to the criticism of practical trial during the year, and all suggested amendments or substitutions are to be forwarded to these Headquarters on or before May 1, 1892.

The attention of all members of the Order is particularly called to the following requests of the Committee :

1. That the proposed Rituals be not only read, but also duly exemplified before the Camp in special meetings for that purpose called ; and

2. That they be returned to the Adjutant General through Division Headquarters marked “*Ritual Revises*,” on or before May 1st next, with such criticism, amendments, additions and substitutions thereunto annexed, as *by vote of the Camp* may be thought necessary or desirable.

3. That in each case the Camp's preference be stated whether (a) for limp or stiff covers ; and (b) for same opening side or lengthwise.

During the present administration and until the final action of the Commandery-in-Chief upon the Revision, the present Ritual will be used.”

All new Rituals, which were sent to Camps, must be returned to this Headquarters on or before April 28, 1892, with full report as above indicated. It is hoped and expected that every Camp in the Division will do this work thoroughly and well.

IV. The attention of all members of the Division is invited to the following salient changes in the Constitution of the Order: Membership is no longer restricted to sons of veterans or of members of the Order, but is now extended so as to include all *male descendants* of veterans. This should result in a large increase of membership. Fifteen names are now required on an application for a Camp Charter. A Camp may, by a two-thirds vote, on certain conditions, declare vacant the position of any elective officer, who has absented himself for four consecutive meetings. The Chaplain, Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders, now constitute the Visiting and Relief Committee. The Division Council now consists only of the three elective members. Officers are no longer entitled to wear shoulder straps, but only the miniature rank badge. The titles of Captain, First and Second Lieutenants, are replaced by those of Camp Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Camp Commander, respectively.

V. Redfield Proctor Camp, No. 44, Rutland, has paid all dues, surrendered its charter, and disbanded.

VI. Attention is invited to recent marked improvements in the shape, matter, and general appearance of our Official Organ, "*The Sharpshooter*." This paper is more than ever worthy the loyal support of the Division, and no member of it, who takes any interest in his work, or in the Order, should be without it.

VII. The Circular Letter of Past Commander-in-Chief Webb, to which reference was made in last order, is as follows:

"The Department of Georgia, G. A. R., through its committee, again appeals to the Sons of Veterans for aid. In response to their last appeal ten thousand graves of unknown Union dead were decorated with flags and flowers purchased by donations from the Sons of Veterans. Now funds are desired to pay for the "Andersonville Prison Pen" property, and properly take care of it, the same to be conveyed to the Grand Army of the Republic, at Detroit, in August next. When the Grand Army of the Republic shall be no more, this ground, historical as the spot where thousands of the comrades of our fathers were starved and 'persecuted in atrocity and bitterness unparalleled' in human history, is to be conveyed to the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., who will guard the remains of the Union dead who lie there, with sacred vigilance. Divisions and Camps are requested to subscribe as liberally as their means will permit for this most laudable purpose."

LELAND J. WEBB,
Commander-in-Chief.

Many Vermont soldiers suffered and died in this prison pen, and there should be a ready and generous response from the Vermont Division.

VIII. With this order, is enclosed to Division Officers and Camp Commanders a Roster of the Division. Blank spaces are due to failure to receive the necessary data at this Headquarters.

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HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BURLINGTON, VT., April 30, 1892. }

ORDERS No. 4,
SERIES 1892.

I. General Orders No. 3, Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief of the Order, and Orders No. 3, Headquarters Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, are herewith promulgated.

II. The last Encampment of this Division directed that such part of Chaplain O. A. Gee's report, as refers to the observance of Memorial Day by members of the Division, be embodied in an order to be published about April 30, 1892. In accordance with these directions, an extract from the report is inserted below :

“I feel that something ought to be done to remedy the evil. I refer to the non-attendance of so many of our Order on Memorial Day. It is to me (and I am sure it must be to every true son) a source of a great deal of regret to note the lack or apparent lack of interest manifested on that day. The Order of the Sons of Veterans, gaining as it does, its eligibility to fraternity from being the sons of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines, of the late war, should manifest the liveliest interest in performing the sacred duty of participating in the acts of love, observed on Memorial Day, in assisting the G. A. R. in honoring their deceased comrades. Whose duty is it and whose pleasure should it be to assist the G. A. R., on that day, as well as on other occasions? Is

it not for the sons of those men, who for the love of country forsook home for that country, and risked health and life itself, many thousands of whom paid the last full measure, that the life of the nation might be preserved ; that the blessings of a free government might be our heritage ? I ask, who but the sons of these brave men can so fittingly and with such profound feelings of love, gratitude and reverence, assist the G. A. R. in perpetuating the memory of their silent comrades ? We must not, we cannot become indifferent to the memory of these men. We cannot be convinced that it is a waste of time to honor in this simple and heartfelt way, the boys in blue who gave so much, that our loftiest soul-dreams cannot fathom the depths of their love for home and country. Never while the free winds of Heaven kiss the folds of the stars and stripes will we, as Sons of Veterans, forget to plant on each successive Memorial Day, a miniature flag and scatter over each sacred mound, Spring's choicest flowers.

Soon, ah ! too soon will the responsibility devolve wholly upon us. Soon will the last Comrade be borne to his final resting place. Let us be prepared when the time comes, to take up the work which they have so nobly begun ; and in the meantime, let us endeavor to convince all delinquents that it is their duty to be in the line at least on Memorial Day. May it be said next year of every Camp in our Division, as has been said of a few, a very few Camps scattered over this whole broad land, "every man who was able responded at roll call on Memorial Day."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

O. A. GEE,

Division Chaplain.

This eloquent appeal leaves little to be said on the subject, by the Division Commander.

Brothers of the Vermont Division, let us show ourselves true to our principles and professions on the 30th day of May. Every Camp in the Division should co-operate, to the fullest possible extent, with the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies' Aid Societies, in paying a tribute of love and veneration to the memory of those who died that the nation might live. It is hoped and expected that every member of the Division will take part in the exercises of the day, and Camp Commanders are charged with the duty of arranging all details.

And, brothers, shall we neglect the 45,000 heroes who sleep beneath the sunny skies of Georgia, and whose graves are beyond the reach of

the loving hands of relatives and friends, who would gladly bedeck them with flowers. Let us make a prompt and generous response to this call for aid. (See paragraph 2, General Order herewith.)

“On fame’s eternal camping ground,
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards, with solemn round,
The bivouac of the dead.”

III. Commander Morgan of the Department of Vermont, Grand Army of the Republic, in his address at the Encampment at Montpelier, said :

“In this gallant organization (The Sons of Veterans) every thoughtful comrade must have the kindest, heartiest interest. They are our sons : in their veins courses the blood of the veterans ; our cause is their cause ; and they seek but to perpetuate the record of their fathers and maintain the principles for which we fought. Their camp-fires blaze with patriotism and ring with the old songs sung by us in camp so many years ago ; and as we see them proudly marching in their suits of blue, we see ourselves, as, when, in years long past, we marched forth to defend the Union and the flag. Let us, comrades, extend to this organization all the aid and encouragement that is in our power to give, mindful that the time is not far distant when we shall ask the same of them.

Side by side with the gallant sons stands a new organization of loyal young women, banded together under the name of the Ladies’ Aid Society. The Vermont Division, organized in April last, now numbers 12 societies. What the Relief Corps is in a social way to the Grand Army, these societies are to the Sons of Veterans, but their primary and chief object is to aid and care for helpless and disabled veterans and their families, to perpetuate the memory and history of our heroic dead and their sacrifices, and inculcate loyalty and patriotism throughout the land. They, too, are kin of the veterans, and as they come voluntarily to our assistance, let us hail them with the same glad cheers we ever greeted reinforcements.”

The Division Commander, in behalf of every Son of a Veteran in the Division, tends hearty thanks to Commander Morgan, for these friendly and encouraging words. They express the sentiments of nearly every veteran in Vermont. The members of the Grand Army are everywhere our best friends. Do we fully realize, brothers, how rapidly their ranks are being thinned, how fast they are being “mustered out.” The star of the youngest of them has passed its meridian, and is slowly but surely

sinking to the western horizon. More and more frequently, are we called upon to pay our last sad tribute of respect to a fallen hero. Let us show them all honor and reverence, while they are yet with us, and not reserve it until they have passed away. Some of the flowers that will bloom on their graves, should be strewn in their pathway, while living. Invite them to your meetings, give them a cordial greeting, and make them feel that they are more than welcome. Invite them to read papers on their war service, and relate personal experiences, before their lips are forever sealed. And let us lighten the burden of their advancing years, by giving them perfect confidence that their sons will never see the glorious flag for which they so bravely fought, dishonored, or a single star obscured.

IV. The Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Encampment of this Division, published under the direction of Past Col. H. O. Bixby, have just been received at this Headquarters, and have been distributed to Camps and to those entitled to receive them. There are quite a large number still on hand, and a copy will be forwarded to any address, upon application, accompanied by three cents for postage. There are, also, on hand a large number of copies of the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Encampment, which will be furnished in the same manner. A few copies of the Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Encampment of the Order, and of previous Encampments, are also on hand, and copies will be furnished to any one desiring them on receipt of sixteen cents, cost of express to, and postage from, this Headquarters. All Camps and individuals that have received a copy of the Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Encampment of the Order, are requested to promptly forward to the Division Quartermaster the amount last mentioned. This amount, (sixteen cents,) is the actual cost of express and postage on these books to the Division, and while it is a small amount for Camps and individuals to pay, the aggregate is quite an item for the Division Treasury, and owing to the heavy appropriations at the last Encampment, it is necessary to utilize every proper source of revenue. This expense, in other Divisions, has been borne by Camps and other recipients of the book. Any Camp or officer that may have been overlooked in the distribution of Proceedings, or of any orders or blanks issued or promulgated from this Headquarters, will apply to the Adjutant for anything lacking. Extra copies of the Roster will be supplied on receipt of two cents for postage.

V. With this order, are enclosed to Camp Commanders, two each of blank reports to Division Surgeon and Division Chaplain. The former

are to be filled out *at once*, and one promptly forwarded to Surgeon George O. Webster, St. Albans, Vt., and the other placed on file with the Camp records. Each Camp Chaplain will make his report, in duplicate, immediately after the Memorial Day exercises, submit it to the Camp Commander for inspection and approval, and forward one copy to the Division Chaplain, R. C. Searing, Arlington, Vt. The other copy will be filed with the Camp records. Camp Commanders are directed to give their personal attention to the preparation of these important reports; to fully satisfy themselves of their correctness; and to see that they are promptly forwarded. The blank spaces on outside of report to Division Surgeon should be carefully filled.

VI. Reports of Installing Officers have not been received from Camps 40, 68 and 70. Commanders of these Camps will see that they are forwarded by their Installing Officers, to the Adjutant General and Division Adjutant, without delay, that commissions may be issued. Several elective officers of Camps could not be installed at the appointed time, on account of sickness. These officers will be installed as soon as possible, and report duly made to the Adjutant General and Division Adjutant, on blanks which are herewith enclosed to the Camps concerned. In case the Installing Officer, commissioned last winter, is not present at the next meeting, the Camp Commander is hereby authorized to perform the ceremony.

VII. Inspector E. T. Griswold is now on duty and the following Assistant Inspectors have been appointed and directed to report to him: Past Col. H. O. Bixby, Chelsea; Past Capt. C. C. Pecu, Vergennes; Mustering Officer F. W. Sault, West Randolph. All Camps that have not been inspected should improve what time remains energetically, and prepare for a rigid inspection. Several Camps that have been inspected have lost points on the failure of the Camp Commander to have a proper bond of his Quartermaster Sergeant on file, as required by the constitution. There is no excuse for this. It is neglect, pure and simple. Attention was called to it in paragraph V, Orders No. 2, current series, and all Camp Commanders were furnished with an inspection blank which contained this question, before inspection. All Camp Commanders, who have not already done so, will attend to this matter without delay.

VIII. All Camps that are not already provided with By-Laws, are urged to have them prepared and forwarded to the Division Commander for approval, as soon as practicable.

IX. In accordance with the recommendation of the Chairman of the National Press Committee, "News Notes" will hereafter be sent out with Division Orders, and will be read in Camp, with the same. Each Camp Commander is urgently requested to immediately appoint a correspondent for his Camp, said correspondent to forward to W. W. La-Point, Barre, Vt., the Division member of the National Press Committee, all items of interest pertaining to his Camp. These should be forwarded at the close of each meeting. It is believed this plan will greatly stimulate interest in the Order, and be productive of growth and prosperity.

X. Hugh Henry, President of the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Soldiers' Home, and Commander of the Department of Vermont, G. A. R., has sent a circular to each Camp Commander, with the view of stimulating interest in the project of raising money to complete the Chapel of the Home. This circular should be read in every Camp, and all should interest themselves in this most worthy project. Let us not forget, brothers, the principal object of our Order.

XI. Bristol has fired the first gun of the campaign of 1892, and has come to the front with twenty charter members. Col. N. F. Dunshee Camp No. 85, was mustered at that place, April 28th, by the Division Commander, assisted by Past Captain C. C. Pecu of Camp 55, Commander C. F. Rich, Camp 25, and other brothers from those Camps. C. A. Crane was elected Camp Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Comrades H. S. Smith and C. T. S. Pierce of the G. A. R., and Brothers C. A. Crane and F. E. Manum are entitled to a large part of the credit for the organization of this Camp.

XII. As Memorial Day is approaching, the work of organizing new Camps and Ladies' Aid Societies, should be prosecuted with redoubled industry, energy and vigor, and several of each should be mustered during May. We are too slow, brothers, in the work of organizing Aids. There is no use in taking months to perform work that one energetic brother, who means business, can perform in two hours. If your Camp is ever to have the benefit of an Aid, get it as soon as possible, and not wait until the able and faithful Division President is entirely discouraged.

XIII. The resignation of the following officers have been tendered and accepted :

	Commander F. A. Hulett,	Camp 13, South Londondery.
S. V.	“ D. V. Houghton,	“ 13, “ “
J. V.	“ W. A. Pease,	“ 13, “ “
	“ B. C. Berry,	“ 49, Barton.
	“ F. W. Williams,	“ 45, Bethel.
	“ F. L. M. Sexton,	“ 34, Springfield.
S. V.	“ W. L. Phelps,	“ 63, Jamaica.
J. V.	“ C. E. Clough,	“ 81, North Troy.
J. V.	“ F. A. Lyman,	“ 74, South Royalton.
	“ L. W. Leonard,	“ 39, Calais.

Elections have been ordered to fill the vacancies.

XIV. Morro Kenyon, having been illegally dropped by Camp 42, Hinesburgh, will be restored to the roll of that Camp, and his name will be erased from all Black Books.

XV. Leon Bumpus, of Camp 39, Calais, having been sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the Order, by a Court Martial, and the sentence having been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, his name will be entered on all Black Books.

XVI. The next Encampment of the Division will be held at Brandon, July 6th and 7th. The committee of arrangements is desirous of learning about how many brothers will be attendance, so as to know how many to provide for. As this is to be a Field Encampment, it is also important to learn how many of the brothers will be in tents, in order to avoid the useless expense of providing more tents than will be required. Camp Commanders will therefore report, to the Adjutant, immediately after the next meeting of their Camp, the number of members who expect to be present, and the number that desire to be quartered in tents. Blankets will be furnished with the tents. This is an important matter, and Commanders must furnish this information as soon as practicable. It is hoped this will be the largest and most successful encampment in the history of the Division, and that Camps, when practicable, will attend in a body.

XVII. All Camp Commanders who have not returned the proof slips of the new ritual, with report thereon, will do so at once.

By order of

H. S. FOSTER,

Division Commander.

E. T. MONAHAN,
Adjutant.

"Put the Vermonters ahead, and keep the column well closed up."—
GEN. SEDGWICK.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BURLINGTON, VT., June 15, 1892. }

ORDERS No. 5,
SERIES 1892.

I. General Orders, numbers 4 and 5, from the Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief of the Order, are herewith promulgated. Orders No. 3, Headquarters Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, which arrived too late to go with last Order, is also enclosed. The new password and countersign are herewith furnished all Camps entitled to receive the same.

II. The resignation of Commander W. L. Hobson of Camp No. 69, Bellows Falls, has been tendered and accepted. An election has been ordered to fill this vacancy, and such others as may occur.

III. Capt. W. H. Humphrey Camp No. 86, with fifteen charter members, was mustered May 12th, 1892, by the Division Commander, assisted by the Adjutant, Quartermaster, Commander Abbott of Camp No. 19, Burlington, Past Colonel Terrill, Commander Wells, and other brothers of Camp No. 7, Underhill, and Commander Manning of Camp No. 51, North Hyde Park. Brother F. W. Gove was elected Camp Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Comrade W. H. Humphrey of the G. A. R. and Brothers F. S. Sibley and J. H. Burke are entitled to much of the credit for the organization of this Camp.

IV. The following named Camps, having rendered correct reports, and paid per capita tax, on or before March 31, 1892, are, in accordance with paragraph 7, Orders No. 13, series of 1891, entitled to honorable mention in orders:

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Location.</i>	<i>Commander.</i>
55	Capt. C. E. Parker.....	Vergennes.....	G. W. Gowett
81	J. W. Currier	North Troy.....	E. L. Hardy
50	G. W. Doty.....	Morrisville.....	A. L. Cheney
2	Col. John S. Tyler.....	Brattleboro.....	C. D. Carpenter
58	Lieut. F. S. Stranahan.....	Milton.....	H. H. Lucia
67	Hugh Henry.....	Windsor.....	H. L. Vondell
28	H. E. K. Hall.....	Chelsea.....	E. G. Reed
49	Gen. W. W. Grout	Barton.....	B. C. Berry

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Location.</i>	<i>Commander.</i>
83	Gen. W. W. Henry.....	Huntington.....	C. J. Smith
46	Gen. Phil Sheridan.....	Cambridge.....	I. E. Morse
18	Capt. E. B. Frost.....	St. Johnsbury.....	L. S. Page
65	Gen. Geo. B. McClellan.....	Post Mills.....	G. W. Warren
60	Lieut. J. C. Blackmer.....	Manchester Depot.....	W. W. Bennett
57	Capt. C. C. Ruggles.....	Poultney.....	O. A. Kinney
39	Wyman R. Burnap.....	Calais.....	L. W. Leonard
69	Gen. L. A. Grant.....	Bellows Falls.....	W. L. Hobson
24	Maj. A. P. Davis.....	West Concord.....	P. S. Woodbury
70	John Sawyer.....	Lowell.....	Eugene Grant
13	Gen. Geo. P. Foster.....	South Londonderry.....	F. A. Hulett
62	H. G. Hibbard.....	Orwell.....	J. M. Wright
75	W. A. Loomis.....	Lyndonville.....	R. A. Childs
22	U. A. Woodbury.....	Barre.....	F. A. Duffy
78	Garfield.....	Waterbury.....	E. F. Savage

V. Gen. William Wells Camp No. 19, Burlington Commander E. Abbott, having shown the largest increase in membership of any Camp in the Division, during the quarter ending March 31st, 1892, hereby receives honorable mention in Orders, in accordance with paragraph 2, Orders No. 2, current series.

VI. Col. E. Henry Powell Camp No. 68, Richford. Commander W. E. Cooley, having failed to render reports or per capita tax for the last quarter, is again suspended.

VII. The following named Camps, having paid all dues to the Division, and rendered reports, are re-instated :

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Location.</i>	<i>Commander.</i>
47	Gen. Burnside.....	Greensboro Bend.....	F. L. Batten
59	A. A. Butterfield.....	Jacksonville.....	W. H. Brown
70	John Sawyer.....	Lowell.....	Eugene Grant

VIII. The Division Commander is pained to announce the death of two members of the Division, during the quarter ending March 31, 1892. viz., B. A. Edwards of Camp No. 59, Jacksonville, and Elmer S. Prior of Camp No. 7, Underhill.

IX. In accordance with the By-Laws of the Division, the expense of the Annual Inspection of Camps will be borne by the Camps inspected, the amount being apportioned according to their membership at time of inspection. The aforesaid By-Laws require that the same

shall be paid prior to the closing of the Division Quartermaster's books preceding the Annual Encampment, and that any Camp failing to pay the same shall be deprived of representation in the Encampment, and may be suspended until such payment is made. Bills will shortly be sent to each Camp inspected, showing full indebtedness to the Division, and the money should be sent to the Quartermaster *by return mail*, as his books will be closed on the 28th instant, after which no supplies will be issued until after the new headquarters are established and are ready for business, which will not probably be before July 15th or 20th. Camp Commanders are especially urged to be *prompt* in the payment of these bills, that the Inspectors may be re-imbursed, and no Camp deprived of representation at the Encampment.

X. The Tenth Annual Encampment of the Division will take place at Brandon, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 5th, 6th and 7th, in conjunction with our Auxiliary, the Ladies' Aid Societies. It will be a Field Encampment, and it is hoped it will prove the largest and most successful Encampment in the history of the Division. Every Camp Commander should take with him as large a delegation as possible. All Camp colors should be taken, and all having a uniform should wear it. The following general programme will be carried out as closely as practicable:

TUESDAY, JULY 5.

6.30 p. m. Meeting of Division Council at Headquarters.

8 p. m. Informal Reception by Vermont Division, L. A. S. in parlors of Hotel Brandon.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6.

9.30 a. m. Opening of Encampment.

2 p. m. Division Parade, followed by Encampment Session.

7 p. m. Exemplification of Ritualistic work by local Camp.

8 p. m. Exemplification of L. A. S. Ritualistic work by local Society.

THURSDAY, JULY 7.

8 a. m. Encampment Session.

1.30 p. m. Encampment Session.

7 p. m. Public Installation of Division Officers, S. V. and L. A. S., followed by Grand Camp-fire.

The order of business will be that prescribed by the Constitution, unless changed by vote of Encampment. All Comrades of the Grand

Army of the Republic are cordially invited to attend the Encampment and Camp-fire, and take part in the parade. The President and Vice-President of the United States, Gen. L. A. Grant, Assistant Secretary of War; the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Treasurer of the State; the entire State delegation in Congress; Major Generals Schofield and Howard of the Army; and other distinguished personages have been invited to attend the Camp-fire, and those who belong to the Grand Army, to attend the Encampment, and several have signified their desire of being present. Commander-in-Chief Bartow S. Weeks of New York, with a portion of his staff, is expected.

The Brothers of the Vermont Division have heretofore borne a high reputation for sobriety and quiet and gentlemanly conduct at Encampments, and it is earnestly hoped that this, our first Field Encampment, will be no exception, and that no brother will be subject to discipline by his Camp, upon his return home. The ranking officer of each Camp present, will be responsible for the discipline of his command.

All Delegates and Alternates must be provided with the proper credentials (Forms 8 and 8½ respectively) and Past Captains with form 7, Camp Commanders, not personally known to the proper officers, must present their commissions. All credentials should be presented to the Adjutant, upon arrival. A blank report of delegates is herewith enclosed to each Camp Commander.

All brothers who can possibly do so, are urged to make the trip to Brandon on the 5th, to get established in camp, attend the L. A. S. Reception in the evening, and be ready for business on the morning of the 6th. There is much business to be transacted, and it will be necessary to be prompt and diligent. Camp Commanders, or other officers in command of Camps, will report their arrival at once to the Adjutant, stating the number of men under their charge, and whether or not they have a flag. They will be assigned to quarters by the Quartermaster. Tents and blankets will be furnished by the State, to all who desire them. Any loss or damage to this property must be paid for by the party responsible. Those desiring cots, pillows, or sheets, should carry them. Wash basins, tin cups, candle-sticks and water buckets should also be taken, with necessary toilet articles. Those who do not desire to be quartered in tents, should communicate, at once, with Commander G. W. Myatt, Camp 56, Brandon, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, if quarters have not been already engaged. There will be a mess tent on the camp ground, in charge of an experienced caterer, where a wholesome meal can be obtained for twenty-five cents.

Round trip tickets for fare one way, good going July 5th, 6th and 7th, and returning up to July 9th, can be purchased at all stations in Vermont, on the following railroads, viz: Central Vermont, Montpelier and Wells River, Bennington and Rutland, Connecticut River, and Woodstock. The Boston and Maine, and Delaware and Hudson, will sell round trip tickets at reduced rates. The above applies to all desiring to attend the Encampment.

XI. The Division Commander is pained to observe an indifference and neglect on the part of some Camp Commanders in complying with orders, which are entirely inexcusable. There is no use in putting the Division to the expense of publishing and distributing orders, if no attention is paid to them after they are issued. And it is a poor return for the time given by the Division officers. The last order issued required reports to be made to the Division Surgeon *immediately*, on blanks enclosed for the purpose. A few days ago, not more than one-third of the Camps had reported, and the Vermont Division is liable to be omitted in the consolidated report of the Surgeon General. About six Camp Commanders have reported the number of members of their Camps who would be likely to attend the Encampment, and whether or not they desired to be quartered in tents. The tents must now be ordered at random. Not a single Camp has forwarded the required amount for the proceedings of the Tenth Annual Encampment of the Order, at Minneapolis. Now, brothers, I ask you if this is your idea of the transaction of important official business. What are we elected to office for, if it is not to perform the duties incident to it? All Camp Commanders who have not rendered reports to the Division Surgeon and Chaplain, as required by last Order, will do so, *without delay*.

XII. A circular issued by Camp 56, Brandon, giving information about arrangements for the Encampment, etc., is herewith enclosed. It will be seen that the brothers of 56 are doing everything in their power to make the Encampment a success.

Commissions are held back, in several instances, on account of failure of Installing Officers to forward reports. All Camp officers who have been installed, and have received no commissions, should see that reports are forwarded, without delay, as all commissions should be issued before Encampment.

XIII. Past Capt. Will L. White, of Camp 39, Calais, has been appointed Assistant Inspector, and ordered to report to Inspector Griswold for duty.

XIV. News notes are enclosed with this Order, to be read in Camp.

XV. The Division Commander has one last request to make of 1st Sergeants, Quartermaster-Sergeants, and Camp Commanders, which he hopes will be complied with. *Be prompt in sending in reports and tax for quarter ending June 30, 1892.* The present administration desires to make one more consolidated report to National Headquarters, and earnestly hopes to have reports and tax from *every* Camp in the Division, before Encampment. This can easily be done, with a little exertion. For once, *let us put the Vermont Division at the head of the column.*

XVI. The following are the consolidated reports for the quarter ending March 31, 1892:

ADJUTANT'S REPORT.

	Camps.	Members.
Number in good standing at date of last report,	53	1496
Gain by organization and muster in,		53
by transfer,		6
by reinstatement,	4	105
Aggregate,	<u>57</u>	<u>1660</u>
	Camps.	Members.
Loss by disbandment,	1	18
Loss by death,		2
by honorable discharge,		20
by transfer,		16
by suspension,	1	128
by dropped,		(29)
Total loss,	<u>2</u>	<u>184</u>
Number remaining in good standing,	<u>55</u>	<u>1476</u>

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

Division Account:

Amount on hand last report,	\$ 88 43
Received from all sources,	282 28
Total,	<u>\$370 71</u>
Expended for per capita tax,	\$ 63 24
Incidental expenses,	247 58
Total,	<u>\$310 82</u>
Balance,	<u>\$ 59 89</u>

Camp Account :

Amount on hand last report,	\$1,251 43
Received from all sources,	1,302 03
Total,	<u>\$2,553 46</u>
Expended for per capita tax,	\$184 50
Members reinstated,	13 12
For relief,	30 00
Incidental expenses,	674 90
Total,	<u>— — — — \$902 52</u>
Balance,	\$1,650 94

By order of

H. S. FOSTER,

Division Commander.

E. T. MONAHAN,

Adjutant.

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—GEN. SEDGWICK.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BURLINGTON, VT., June 25, 1892. }

ORDERS No. 6,
SERIES 1892.

Brother Leonard Fiske of Camp No. 19, Burlington, is hereby relieved as Quartermaster of the Division, and will turn over all property and funds pertaining to the same, to Brother Geo. S. Cahill of the same Camp, who is hereby appointed Quartermaster of the Division. All money orders, checks or drafts, should be made payable to Geo. S. Cahill, Burlington, Vt., and all letters for the Quartermaster should be addressed to him.

By order of

H. S. FOSTER,

Division Commander.

E. T. MONAHAN,

Adjutant.

BURLINGTON, VT., March 15, 1893.

The foregoing is a correct report of the Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Encampment of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Brandon, Vt., July 6th and 7th, 1892.

H. S. FOSTER,

Past Division Commander.

E. T. MONAHAN,

Past Division Adjutant.

NECROLOGY.

FRANK S. TULLER, Camp 28, Chelsea.

FRANK E. GRIFFIN, Camp 28, Chelsea.

ELMER S. PRIOR, Camp 7, Underhill.

MAHLON S. WHEELLOCK, Camp 39, Calais.

B. A. EDWARDS, Camp 59, Jacksonville.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING.

BRANDON, VT., July 6, 1892.

The Second Annual Encampment of the Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was called to order at 11 o'clock, a. m., by the Division President, S. Ada Hall.

Vacancies were filled as follows :

Secretary, Miss Lena Sherman, L. A. S. No. 12; Treasurer, Mrs. Ida Sherman Jenne, L. A. S. No. 9; Guide, Miss Grace Langdon, L. A. S. No. 7.

Encampment opened in due form.

The following officers were present :

President, S. Ada Hall; Vice-President, Dora E. Austin; Chief of Staff, Mrs. Hattie E. Hewett; Chaplain, Mrs. Jennie E. Harris; Mustering Officer, Bessie E. Wallace; Division Council, Alice Williamson, Mrs. Isa A. Ellis.

The Committee on Credentials was announced as follows :

Lena Sherman, Hattie Williamson, Mrs. Hattie E. Hewett, Grace Langdon, Charlotte McGaffey.

This Committee presented the following report :

To the Second Annual Encampment of the Ladies' Aid Societies, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Division of Vermont :

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following sisters entitled to a seat and vote in this Encampment :

DIVISION OFFICERS.

President—*Miss S. Ada Hall, Chelsea.

Vice-President—*Miss Dora E. Austin, Burlington.

Chief of Staff—*Mrs. Hattie E. Hewett, Brandon.

Chaplain—*Mrs. Jennie E. Harris, Brattleboro.

Secretary—Miss Emma Darling, Chelsea.

Treasurer—Mrs. Frances W. Bixby, Chelsea.

*Present.

Inspector—Miss Alice L. Smith, Barre.

Mustering Officer—*Miss Bessie E. Wallace, Barnet.

Aide—Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, Brattleboro.

Division Council— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{*Miss Alice Williamson, Middlebury.} \\ \text{*Mrs. Isa A. Ellis, Burlington.} \\ \text{Mrs. Alice Clark, St. Johnsbury.} \end{array} \right.$

SOCIETY PRESIDENTS.

No.	Name.	Location.
2.	Mrs. Grace M. Bixby,	Chelsea.
4.	* “ Isa A. Ellis,	Burlington.
5.	* “ Ann F. Youtt,	Middlebury.
6.	*Miss M. Jennie Gilfillan,	Barnet.
7.	*Mrs. Hattie E. Hewett,	Brandon.
8.	* “ Jane L. Morris,	St. Johnsbury.
9.	“ Dora Hopkinson,	Brattleboro.
10.	“ Ella D. Perkins,	Barre.
11.	“ Ella Gunnulson,	Fair Haven.
12.	* “ Harriet L. Sherman,	Poultney.

SOCIETY PAST PRESIDENTS.

No.	Name.	Location.
2.	*Miss S. Ada Hall,	Chelsea.
2.	Mrs. Mary M. Hayward,	“
2.	“ Grace M. Bixby,	“
4.	Miss Abbie Wright,	Burlington.
4.	*Mrs. Isa A. Ellis,	“
5.	* “ Frances M. Haley,	Middlebury.
6.	*Miss M. Jennie Gilfillan,	Barnet.
7.	Mrs. Frances D. Ormsbee,	Brandon.
7.	* “ Idella I. Langdon,	“
8.	“ Nellie P. Bonett,	St. Johnsbury.
8.	“ Agnes M. Crosby,	“
9.	* “ Ida Sherman Jenne,	Brattleboro.
10.	“ Ella D. Perkins,	Barre.
11.	“ Ella Gunnulson,	“

*Present.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES.

No.	Delegate.	Alternate.	Location.
2.	Miss Eunice A. Noyes.	Mrs. S. Albina Mattoon,	Chelsea.
2.	" Julia Adams,	" Melissa F. Wright,	"
2.	" Hattie Danforth	Miss Lillian Pettes,	"
4.	* " Lulah Austin,	" Marian Wright,	Burlington.
4.	* " Charlotte McGaffey,	" Lizzie Videll,	"
4.	" Mamie Swan,	* " May Marcelais,	"
5.	* " Mary J. Currier,		Middlebury.
5.	* " Hattie Williamson,		"
5.	" Ocrena F. Youtt,	*Miss Jennie Williamson,	"
6.	* " M. Jennie Gilfillan,	" Ellen Morrill,	Barnet.
6.	* " Bessie E. Wallace,	" Maggie Smith,	"
6.		" Alice M. Smith,	"
7.	Mrs. Jennie Gee,	* " Grace Langdon,	Brandon.
7.	*Miss Izora Godfrey,	* " Isadore Blackmer,	"
7.	* " Etta Thayer.	*Mrs. O. A. Durkee,	"
8.	* " Inez Shastany.	* " Delia West,	St. Johnsbury.
8.	* " Hattie Cable,	Miss Maud Jones,	"
8.	Mrs. Mary E. Grant,	* " Mamie Flannagan,	"
9.	Miss Mabel Witt,	Mrs. Dora Hopkinson,	Brattleboro.
9.	" Mabel Root,	* " Jennie E. Harris,	"
10.			
11.	" Stella Kidder,	Miss Louisa Granger,	Fair Haven.
11.	" Mary McGinnis,	" Emma Pelkey,	"
12.	" Helena Orr.		
12.	*Mrs. Edna Pray.		
12.	" C. E. Jones.		
	(Signed.)	LENA SHERMAN. HATTIE WILLIAMSON. HATTIE E. HEWETT. GRACE LANGDON. CHARLOTTE MCGAFFEY.	} Committee.

After the Secretary had called the roll, committees were announced as follows:

On Resolutions :—Dora E. Austin, Mrs. Ida Sherman Jenne, Mrs. Harriet L. Sherman, Jennie Williamson, Mrs. Jennie E. Harris.

On Reports of Officers :—Lulah Austin, Lena Sherman, Mrs. Frances M. Haley, Bessie E. Wallace, Mrs. Idella I. Langdon,

*Present.

On Constitution, Rules and Regulations :—Alice Williamson, Mrs. Isa A. Ellis, Mrs. Ida Sherman Jenne, M. Jennie Gilfillan, Grace Langdon.

On Press Work :—Charlotte McGaffey, Dora E. Austin, M. Jennie Gilfillan, Bessie E. Wallace, Lena Sherman.

Voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the last Encampment.

Motion by Mrs. Haley that those members of Society No. 7, who are entitled to a vote in this Encampment be allowed to vote without presenting credentials. Carried.

Motion by Lulah Austin that the report of the Division President be deferred until a later time during Encampment. Carried.

The reports of the Vice-President, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Inspector and Division Council were then read, and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (See Reports of Officers.)

Motion that the President appoint a committee to prepare a communication to be sent Brother O. A. Gee and family, expressing the regret and sympathy of the Encampment over the sudden and dangerous illness of our brother. Carried. Mrs. Isa A. Ellis, Inez Shastenay and Mrs. Frances M. Haley were appointed committee.

Voted that the Encampment take a recess until after the parade.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Encampment was called to order by the Division President at 3.30 p. m.

The rounds of the Encampment were made by the Guide.

The following communications were read:

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, }
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
 40 Broadway, NEW YORK, July 2, 1892. }

S. Ada Hall, President Vermont Division, L. A. S., Chelsea, Vt.:

DEAR SISTER:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind invitation to be present at the meetings of the L. A. S., and regret that my inability to get away from the city of New York will prevent my attendance.

Convey to all members of your Order my kindest regards and best wishes for their continued prosperity.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

BARTOW S. WEEKS,
 Commander-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS LADIES' AID SOCIETY, }
 AUXILIARY TO SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
 MEDINA, OHIO, July 2, 1892.

To the Officers and Members of Vermont Division, L. A. S., in Convention Assembled :

GREETING:—Accept my best wishes for a successful Encampment and my congratulations on the work accomplished in your Division. May your deliberations be fraught with wisdom and guided by Him who “giveth liberally and upbraideth not.” Remember you are engaged in a worthy cause—one in which every Sister should take pride. It deserves your best and protracted efforts. Living issues are before us which afford us an inspiration that should make the objects of our Order a “chosen burden lightly carried.” No good thing comes to us without effort or labor. Therefore let me admonish you to be faithful to the end.

Most cordially yours in F. C. and L.,
 MRS. J. S. MASON,
 National President L. A. S., S. V.

BOSTON, MASS., July 1, 1892.

Miss S. Ada Hall, President Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid, Chelsea, Vt.:

MY DEAR SISTER :—Your kind letter of June 25th at hand. I am sorry to say that the changing of the date of the Encampment from June to July, will prevent my attending this year, as I have engagements for that week which I cannot very well break. I regret very much that such is the case, as I remember with pleasure my first experience with the Ladies' Aid last year at St. Johnsbury.

Please convey to the Encampment my regrets and kindest regards, and best wishes for the prosperity of the Order.

Most sincerely yours,
 FRANK P. MERRILL,
 Past Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS LADIES AID SOCIETIES, }
 DIVISION OF IOWA, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
 WASHINGTON, IOWA, July 21, 1892. }

Miss S. Ada Hall, Pres. Vt. Div., L. A. S., Chelsea, Vt.:

DEAR SISTER :—Allow me to extend the best wishes of myself and

my Division for the success of your Convention at Brandon. May it be most pleasant, harmonious and profitable.

Again wishing you success, I am,

Your sister in F. C. and L.,

BELLE GRAY.

Pres. Iowa Div., L. A. S.

HEADQUARTERS, PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.
LADIES' AID SOCIETY, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 4, 1892. }

Miss S. Ada Hall, President Vermont Division, L. A. S., S. V., U.S.A.:

DEAR SISTER :—At the Ninth Annual Encampment of Pennsylvania Division, greetings from you in behalf of your Division were received with great enthusiasm. Permit me, to-day, to congratulate you on your successful administration, also to express my best wishes for the success of your Encampment. May prosperity and harmony attend all your undertakings. That the motto of our Order may be your guiding star at all times and under all circumstances, is the sincere wish of

Your sister in F. C. and L.,

ADA L. SHANNON,

Past Division Pres. Pa. Div.

The following from Past Col. H. O. Bixby, during whose administration the Vermont Division, L. A. S., was organized, was read :

SPRINGFIELD, VT., July 6, 1892.

Miss S. Ada Hall, President Vt. Division Ladies' Aid Societies of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Brandon, Vt.:

SISTERS IN ENCAMPMENT ASSEMBLED :—It is with regret that I am unable to be present and greet you personally in this your Second Encampment, but I desire to extend to you my best wishes for a pleasant and profitable meeting.

My interest in the welfare of your order began with the muster of L. A. S. No. 2, of Camp No. 28, May 4, 1887, and has deepened as I have seen the lines extended and your present organization effected.

May your new officers be as successful in maintaining and advancing the standard of Vt. Division, as the retiring officers have been in organizing and laying its foundation.

Again extending to you my kind regards and best wishes, I remain.

Sincerely in F. C. and L.,

H. O. BIXBY.

Enclosed with the above from Col. Bixby, was the following, which was also read :

HEADQUARTERS, INDIANA DIVISION,
LADIES AID SOCIETIES, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
CLAYTON, IND., July 1, 1892. }

Mr. Herbert O. Bixby, Chelsea Vermont :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—Convey my greeting to the Ladies' Aid Society of Vermont Division, in their Annual Encampment.

I trust their meeting will be a pleasant and successful one.

I have noticed with pleasure the rapid progress our Order has made in Vermont. The sisters of that Division should feel proud of their Division and their President, Miss S. Ada Hall, who has worked so faithfully during the past year.

Extend my congratulations to Miss Hall on her magnificent success. With best wishes for yourself and the S. of V.'s,

I remain fraternally yours,

PEARL WILLS,

Pres. Ind. Div.

ALTOONA, PENN., June 30, 1892.

Miss S. Ada Hall, President of Vermont Division, L. A. S.:

DEAR SISTER:—Your letter is duly received. I thank you for the kind invitation to be present at your Division Encampment, I am very sorry I cannot be there for I should enjoy myself and derive much benefit from your meeting.

I am proud of Vermont Division of L. A. S. They have done nobly and the S. of V. should be proud of their auxiliary. I hope the Sisters will choose the officers for the ensuing year of your best, most live and active workers—such as have filled the offices in the past.

To the Sisters of this your Second Encampment, I would say: Never give up. Go on in your good work, for ere long the L. A. S. and S. V. will have all the work to do. We, the veterans and their wives, are all growing old. Who should be our support in our declining years but the S. V. and their auxiliary, the L. A. S.? So do not grow weary or despondent, but keep your thoughts on the veterans and their mothers, wives and sisters.

Wishing you God speed, I remain,

Truly yours in F. C. and L.,

ELLA L. JONES,

Past National President.

Telegram dated July 6, 1892, from the President of L. A. S., No. 2:

CHELSEA, VT.

S. Ada Hall, President Vermont Division, L. A. S.:

Sisters of No. 2 send greeting and best wishes for Encampment.

GRACE M. BIXBY.

On behalf of the committee on communication to the family of Brother Gee, Mrs. Isa A. Ellis reported the following resolution:

“WHEREAS, It has pleased a Divine Providence to place our worthy Brother upon a bed of sickness, let it be

Resolved, That we, the L. A. S., of the Division of Vermont, here assembled, extend to our worthy Brother and his family our most heartfelt sympathies and consider their trouble as our own.

It having been voted that a committee be appointed to prepare a communication to be sent the Sons of Veterans assembled in Encampment, the President appointed Sisters Jennie Williamson, Mrs. A. F. Youtt, and Mrs. Ida Sherman Jenne, upon that committee.

The Mustering Officer's report was read by Mustering Officer Bessie E. Wallace, and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (See Reports of Officers).

This was followed by reports of Society delegates.

Word having been received that it was desired that the L. A. S. meet with the S. V. for the purpose of having their photographs taken, Sister Delia West moved that the Sisters meet the Brothers for that purpose. Carried. Sisters Cross, Godfrey and Beyford of No. 7, were appointed to ascertain the time of meeting and other details.

There was received from the Sons of Veterans a verbal invitation to use their hall for the exemplification of ritualistic work, should the one now occupied by the Ladies' Aid Societies be thought not sufficiently large.

Voted to take a recess until 9 o'clock a. m. July 7.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

A pleasing exemplification of ritualistic work was given by Ladies' Aid Society, No. 7, of Brandon, the President, Mrs. Hattie E. Hewett, being in the chair. So large a number of Sons of Veterans and Comrades of the G. A. R. were present that the hall used by the Sisters was abandoned and that used by the Brothers occupied.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Meeting called to order by the Division President, S. Ada Hall, at 9 o'clock.

The Guide made the rounds of the Encampment.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

The following letter was read:

HEADQUARTERS, MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION,
LADIES' AID SOCIETIES, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
NORTH BROOKFIELD, July 4, 1892. }

Miss S. Ada Hall :

DEAR SISTER :—Accept my sincere thanks for your cordial invitation to be present at your coming Convention, and believe me, that it would afford me great pleasure to do so, but circumstances forbid.

I extend to the Vermont Division, L. A. S. in Convention, the congratulations of the Massachusetts Division, with the wish that your convention may be a grand success. I trust that your President for the ensuing year may be as devoted to the cause, as faithful and efficient in the performance of the arduous duties devolving upon her, as has been the retiring President.

May success crown all our efforts and the L. A. S. be an organization second to none in our beloved land. May the Sons of Veterans ever give us their support and aid, and with us work in harmony to promote the interest of our orders. Believe me, I am,

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

MRS. S. A. DAVIS,

President Mass. Division.

Sister Alice Williamson presented the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Miss S. Ada Hall, President Vt. Division, L. A. S., and Sisters :

Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, respectfully present the following recommendations for the consideration of this Encampment :

(See Chap. II, Art. I.) A Society may be formed by the authority of the Division President, acting by direction of the National President, on application, made in due form, of not less than twenty persons eligible to membership in the L. A. S., and no Society shall be recognized by the L. A. S. unless acting under a legal and unforfeited charter.

To be inserted as Article IV between present Articles III and IV, Chapter II: Leave of absence and transfer cards shall contain a space for the signature of the sister to whom the same is granted, and leave of absence and transfer cards shall be void unless signed by the holder thereof in the presence of the President or Secretary of the Society granting the same; if granted by the Division President, it shall be signed by the holder in her presence or in the presence of some officer or sister designated by the Division President for that purpose. The officer or sister in whose presence such leave of absence or transfer card is signed, shall attest the signature of the holder thereof.

Chap. III, Art. VIII, Sec. 2: Any Division in arrears for reports or dues, shall be excluded from all representation in National Encampment until the reports are made and the dues are paid.

Sec. 3: Any Society in arrears for reports and dues shall not be allowed any representation in the Division Encampment to which it is attached, until the reports are made and the dues are paid.

Sec. 4: Any member of a Society who is six months in arrears in the payment of her dues, shall be prohibited from voting: shall not be permitted to enter any Society room while the Society is in session; shall be ineligible to office in the L. A. S., and shall be reported suspended in the quarterly report to the Division Headquarters until such dues are paid. While so suspended, the Society shall not be subject to the per capita tax on such member, and she shall not be counted in the representation of the Society in the Division Encampment; providing, however, that when a sister is unable, by reason of sickness or misfortune, to pay her dues, they may be remitted to her on due investigation and favorable report by the Trustees, or a special committee appointed for the purpose, and a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting at a stated meeting of the Society; but by the remission of dues the Society shall not become liable to the payment of her per capita tax, nor shall she be counted in the representation of the Division Encampment or National Encampment.

Sec. 5: Any member of a Society who is one year in arrears in the payment of her dues, shall be dropped from the roll and re-instated only by the Society which dropped her, and in the same manner as provided by our Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Sec. 6: All Societies that have failed for one year or more to make

their quarterly reports and to pay their per capita tax, shall be disbanded and their charters shall be revoked by the Division President.

(Signed)

ALICE WILLIAMSON,	} Committee.
MRS. ISA A. ELLIS,	
MRS. IDA SHERMAN JENNE,	
M. JENNIE GILFILLAN,	
GRACE LANGDON,	

Motion by Sister Dora Austin that the report be accepted and adopted, and the committee dismissed. Carried.

Sister Dora Austin submitted the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

To the Officers and Members of the Second Annual Encampment, Vermont Division, L. A. S.:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of members of the Second Annual Encampment of the Ladies' Aid Societies of Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, be and are hereby extended to S. Ada Hall, our Division President, for her faithful work for the Division, assuring her of our appreciation.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be extended to our Brothers of the Tenth Annual Encampment of Sons of Veterans of Vermont Division, for their kindness and courtesy shown to us during the Encampment, and for the preparations made for our comfort and that we assure them of our realization of their position in being suddenly deprived of their leader in preparing for the entertainment of the Encampment.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be tendered to the Sisters of Society No. 7, for the kind and thoughtful manner in which we have been entertained.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Encampment are hereby tendered to Comrades of the Grand Army for the interest they have manifested in our Encampment.

Resolved, That our thanks be extended to the citizens of Brandon for their liberal donations toward defraying the expenses of this Encampment.

Resolved, That our thanks are due the I. O. G. T. for their kindness and liberality in giving us the free use of their hall for our meetings.

Resolved, That we extend to Hotel Brandon our sincere thanks for the thoughtful care for our comfort shown during this Encampment.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Encampment be extended to all railroads which have given reduced rates to members and visitors.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks be extended to all publications in the United States, which have devoted space to the work of the Sons of

Veterans and their Ladies' Aid Societies, especially to the publications of Vermont, whose interest we have greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

DORA E. AUSTIN, MRS. IDA SHERMAN JENNE, MRS. HARRIET L. SHERMAN, JENNIE WILLIAMSON, MRS. JENNIE E. HARRIS,	}	Committee.
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Motion by Sister Jenne that the report be accepted and adopted and the committee dismissed. Carried.

Sister McGaffey then presented the following Report of Committee on Press Work:

BRANDON, VT., July 7, 1892.

Miss S. Ada Hall, President Vermont Division, L. A. S., S. V., U. S. A. and Sisters:

Your Committee on Press Work beg leave to report as follows:

Plans are made to send communications to the following publications, viz: The Brandon Union, Rutland Herald, Burlington Free Press, Brattleboro Phoenix, Caledonian, The Sharpshooter, St. Albans Messenger, National Reveille, West Randolph Herald, Atlantic Vidette, Middlebury Register, Poultney Journal.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

CHARLOTTE MCGAFFEY, DORA E. AUSTIN, M. JENNIE GILFILLAN, BESSIE E. WALLACE, LENA SHERMAN,	}	Committee.
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Sister Jenne moved that the report be accepted and adopted and the committee dismissed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Sharpshooter be made the official organ of the Vermont Division, L. A. S., for the ensuing year. Carried.

Motion by Sister Haley that the Division President be empowered to appoint one or more Division Correspondents. Carried.

Motion by Sister Harris that the Division pay the postage bill and furnish the stationery of the Division Correspondents. Carried.

Motion by Sister Jenne that the per capita tax of Societies of this Division be raised to twelve cents. Carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Sister Jenne the President gave a talk on matters of practical benefit to Societies.

The following was received and read:

TENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
VERMONT DIVISION, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
BRANDON, VT., July 6, 1892.

To the President of the Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies :

SISTER:—The undersigned committee, on behalf of this Encampment, beg to express to the Sisters of the Ladies' Aid Society their sincere appreciation of the most cordial greeting extended to us, and to again assure them of their earnest endorsement of the aims and objects of the Society.

With the hope that the strong tie which unites our organizations may be strengthened by the most successful and harmonious co-operation in the future, as in the past, we are very truly

Yours in F. C. and L.,

FRANK L. GREENE,
E. E. ABBOTT,
W. H. GRIFFITH.

Recess until 2 o'clock p. m. declared.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Encampment called to order at 2 o'clock p. m., by the Division President.

The Guide made the rounds of the Encampment.

The President presented her annual report. (See Report of Officers.)
Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

Motion by Sister Haley, that in the first recommendation of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, the word twenty be changed to seven. Carried.

Sister Lulah Austin presented the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

To the Second Annual Encampment, Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies :

MISS S. ADA HALL, PRESIDENT:—Your Committee on Reports of Officers respectfully submit the following report :

We have examined the Reports of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Inspector, Mustering Officer and Divis-

ion Council, and find them to be complete in every detail, and would recommend their unanimous adoption.

Submitted in F. C. and L.,

LULAH M. AUSTIN,	} <i>Committee.</i>
LENA SHERMAN,	
MRS. FRANCES M. HALEY,	
BESSIE E. WALLACE,	
MRS. IDELLA I. LANGDON,	

Accepted, adopted and committee dismissed.

Encampment proceeded to the election of officers.

Sister Ida Sherman Jenne being the only nominee for Division President, the Guide was instructed to cast one vote for her, and she was declared duly elected.

For Vice-President, Sisters Frances M. Haley of Middlebury, and Isa A. Ellis of Burlington, were nominated.

Result of ballot :

Total number of votes cast	22
Necessary for choice	12
Sister Haley received	15
Sister Ellis	7

Sister Haley having received the majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected.

For Division Council; Sisters S. Ada Hall, Chelsea; Jennie E. Harris, Brattleboro; Grace Langdon, Brandon; Delia West, St. Johnsbury; Isa A. Ellis, Burlington; Jane L. Morris, St. Johnsbury, were nominated.

Result of ballot :

S. Ada Hall received	18
Jennie E. Harris	8
Grace Langdon	16
Delia West	5
Isa A. Ellis	9
Jane L. Morris	13

Sisters S. Ada Hall, Grace Langdon and Mrs. Jane L. Morris, having received the highest number of votes, were declared duly elected.

For Delegate, Sisters Jennie E. Harris, Brattleboro; Delia West, St. Johnsbury; Dora Austin, Burlington; and Isa A. Ellis, Burlington, were nominated.

Result of ballot :

Total number of votes cast.....	25
Necessary for choice.....	13
Mrs. Harris received.....	7
Mrs. West	7
Dora Austin.....	10
Mrs. Ellis.....	1

An error was reported and a second ballot ordered, and Sister Harris withdrew her name.

Result of second ballot :

Total number of votes cast.....	25
Necessary for choice.....	13
Mrs. West.....	11
Dora Austin.....	11
Mrs. Ellis.....	2
Mrs. Harris.....	1

Sister Ellis withdrew her name, and a third ballot was ordered.

Result of third ballot :

Total number of votes cast.....	26
Necessary for choice.....	14
Dora Austin.....	11
Mrs. West.....	15

Mrs. Delia West, having received more than the required number of votes, was declared elected.

For Alternate, Sisters Jennie Williamson, Middlebury; Dora Austin, Burlington; Izora Godfrey, Brandon; and Inez Shastany, of St. Johnsbury, were nominated.

Result of ballot :

Total number of votes cast.....	25
Necessary for choice.....	13
Sister Jennie Williamson ..	9
Dora Austin.....	7
Izora Godfrey.....	5
Inez Shastany.....	4

A second ballot was ordered.

Result of second ballot :

Total number of votes cast.....	24
Necessary for choice.....	13
Jennie Williamson	13

Dora Austin..... 8

Izora Godfrey.. 3

Miss Jennie Williamson was declared duly elected.

For Delegate-at-Large, Sisters Alice Williamson, Middlebury; Mrs. Jane L. Morris, St. Johnsbury; Izora Godfrey, Brandon; and Lulah Austin, Burlington, were nominated.

Result of ballot :

Total number of votes cast.....24

Necessary for choice.....13

Alice Williamson.....11

Mrs. Morris..... 5

Izora Godfrey..... 4

Lulah Austin..... 4

A second ballot was ordered.

Result of second ballot :

Total number of votes cast.....24

Necessary for choice.....13

Alice Williamson.....13

Mrs. Morris..... 2

Izora Godfrey..... 3

Lulah Austin..... 6

Miss Alice Williamson was declared duly elected.

For Alternate at Large, Mrs. Ann F. Youtt, Middlebury; Mrs. Bickford, Brandon; Grace Langdon, Brandon, were nominated.

Result of ballot:

Total number of votes cast.....24

Necessary for choice.....13

Mrs. Youtt.....12

Mrs. Bickford..... 4

Grace Langdon..... 8

A second ballot was ordered.

Result of-second ballot:

Total number of votes cast.....24

Necessary for choice.....13

Mrs. Youtt.....13

Grace Langdon.....11

Mrs. Ann F. Youtt was declared elected.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Acting Secretary, Sister Lena

Sherman, for her faithful earnest efforts in behalf of the Encampment.

Brother C. F. R. Jenne was admitted and announced that the Sons of Veterans had voted to hold the next Annual Encampment at Brattleboro.

After encouraging words from Brother Jenne, Comrades of the G. A. R. and other Brothers of the S. V., present, the meeting closed.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The retiring President, S. Ada Hall, installed the officers of the Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies at a public installation held with the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, upon authority contained in a dispensation received from the National President, Mrs. J. S. Mason.

The Sisters were courteously given the precedence.

After the installation of the other elective officers, Miss Hall was installed Chairman of the Division Council, by the Division President, Mrs. Ida Sherman Jenne.

Following the installation, Col. H. S. Foster, in an eloquent speech, presented Miss Hall with the silver badge of a Past Division President. Miss Hall accepted in heartfelt words.

The following telegram from the Ohio Division, L. A. S., in Encampment assembled, was received and read:

CHILLICOTHE, O., July 7, 1893.

To S. Ada Hall, Division President L. A. S., Brandon, Vt.:

Greetings of Ohio Division Encampment L. A. S., S. of V.

NETTIE LIEB,

Chairman Committee.

The installation of the Sons of Veterans followed that of the Ladies' Aid Societies, and was in turn followed by a campfire.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

REPORT OF DIVISION PRESIDENT.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION, }
 LADIES' AID SOCIETIES, S. V., U. S. A. }
 BRANDON, VT., July 5, 1892.

To the Officers and Members of the Second Annual Encampment of Vermont Division of Ladies' Aid Societies, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

SISTERS:—The first year in the life of our Division organization has rolled away, and we have met here to review the experiences it has brought, to profit by them, to strengthen the ties which bind us, and to plan and act for the future.

When one year ago you honored me with a re-election, I, as you know, accepted with great reluctance, realizing that the difficulties in the way of my serving you would be very great. They have been greater than I anticipated, but I have tried to do my best under the circumstances.

Through no lack of interest on her part, the Division Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Bixby was unable to perform the duties of her office. This work the Division Secretary, Sister Emma Darling, in her own enthusiastic way, offered to do and has done to considerable extent, while circumstances have been such that she has given me comparatively little assistance as Secretary.

One thousand two hundred and twenty-three communications have been sent from Division Headquarters. In addition to these I have issued seven Orders of which 1475 copies have been promulgated.

INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP.

Thinking it more for the good of the Division that our energies be devoted to laying a solid foundation, than to more conspicuous building, I have not advocated any special effort toward increase of membership in the Societies, but on the contrary, have advocated great care and caution in this respect. This policy, being so unpretentious an one, may not meet the unqualified approval of all, but it seemed to me best, and the result has been so good in giving us a membership of earnest, active

workers, who can be relied upon in an emergency, and fitly show forth the blood which makes us akin, that I can cheerfully recommend my successor to give her attention to forwarding the work of increasing the membership of Societies.

Two new Societies have been mustered, No. 11 of Fair Haven and No. 12 of Poultney, and both are strong and healthy. There is prospect of the immediate muster of three more, with others to follow. On Jan. 26, alone, there were sent to each of thirty Camps, one copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, one blank application for charter, and one copy of the circular of the National President.

It is to be expected that during the coming year a rich harvest will be reaped from the seed sown.

FINANCES.

It has been my ambition to close this official year with all debts of the Division paid. Close attention to detail in a system of strict economy has been necessary to accomplish this result, but it has been achieved, and all bills have been paid as presented. Considerable has been spent in correspondence and postage and printing of Orders, but I have considered the amount spent in this way well invested. Offerings have been received from different Societies, and have materially assisted, while showing the true pioneer spirit of the Societies. The Division Treasurer's report will show the condition of finances.

PRESS WORK.

As one means toward making this a Division of wide awake, well informed workers, I suggested that each Society send me fifty cents for the purpose of subscribing for the leading papers published in the interests of the Sons of Veterans and their Ladies' Aid Societies, and sending them about from one Society to another, somewhat after the fashion of a circulating library. Many copies have been sent in this way and read in meetings with excellent results.

I found that another organization, not doing, so far as I could ascertain, nearly so much work as ours was, yet gaining in strength by keeping itself before the public through the medium of the press, while our Societies were quietly devoting their energies to faithful, unselfish work, and the matter of spreading the knowledge of our Order and its work seemed to have been forgotten. Thinking that in this there was a lesson we might learn with profit, I wrote to prominent sisters in other Divisions in regard to their attending to the matter in their own locality,

while for myself I gave it special attention here in Vermont. I believe the result has been an awakened interest in our Order, not only among those who had not previously known us, but also among our own membership.

Many papers throughout the State have been very kind in publishing news relating to our Order, and deserve our sincere thanks.

Before leaving the subject, I wish to mention the two sisters who have assisted me in this department of work in Vermont, Mrs. Nellie P. Bonett of St. Johnsbury, and Miss Charlotte McGaffey of Burlington, whose ability and readiness to do the work that came in their way, deserve a word of special commendation.

STAFF.

My Staff Officers have been devoted to the interests of the Order and deserve much credit for their faithfulness. My relations with them have been most harmonious and agreeable.

Of the Secretary and Treasurer I have already spoken. They are enthusiastic members of the Order, and I knew that their hearts were with me in the work.

The Chief of the Staff, Mrs. Hattie E. Hewett, Chaplain Mrs. Jennie E. Harris, Inspecting Officer Alice Smith, and Mustering Officer Bessie Wallace, have all been conscientious and zealous in the discharge of their duties, and ever ready to respond to any call for work.

I should be sorry not to say a word at this time in token of my appreciation of the loyal support I have received from the Division Vice-President and Council, who have shown that to them an office was a trust. I congratulate myself upon the fact that the officers with whom I have had to deal, have been such zealous workers, and that their ideas have been in such perfect accord with my own. I am very grateful for the assistance received from all.

MEMORIAL DAY AND CHARITY.

As is becoming in those whose eligibility to our noble Order is derived from the soldiers, sailors and marines of the late war, the sisters of Vermont Division have shown the liveliest interest in the, to us, sacred duties of Memorial Day, in assisting the Sons of Veterans and Grand Army of the Republic at that time.

The Sisters have also done a noble charitable work, including veteran soldiers, sons of veterans and the families of both, whether members of any organized body or not, as well as among our own membership. Much

of this we learn from private letters. They have also made a great improvement over last year in the matter of reporting this work, though still coming very far short of reporting all of, it as they should do. Early in the year I prepared a blank for quarterly reports of Societies, which has been used by the Division Chaplain, and has, I believe, been of much service. As our Division Chaplain modestly and conscientiously omits it from the report of her work, I introduce it here.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF RELIEF WORK.

Headquarters Society No. . . , Vermont Division, L. A. S., S. V., U. S. A.

To.....Division Chaplain:

SISTER:—I have the honor to present the following report of the Relief Work of this Society for the quarter ending.....189

Value of food and fuel distributed.....	_____
“ “ clothing “	_____
“ “ bedding “	_____
“ “ miscellaneous articles.....	_____
“ “ labor given.....	_____
Total.....	_____
Amount expended for medicine.....	_____
“ “ “ medical attendance.....	_____
“ “ “ clothing.....	_____
“ “ “ bedding.....	_____
“ “ “ miscellaneous articles.....	_____
“ “ “ labor.....	_____
Total.....	_____
Grand Total.....	_____
Number of articles of clothing distributed.....	_____
“ “ “ bedding “	_____
“ “ miscellaneous articles “	_____
Total.....	_____

Remarks.

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Society President.

SONS OF VETERANS.

The cordiality with which their auxiliary has been met and the support so loyally and universally given it by the Sons of Veterans of Vermont Division, call for a deep sense of gratitude on our part. Commander Foster and Adjutant Monahan, with all their arduous labors have yet found time to show their interest in numberless thoughtful, helpful ways. Our Judge Advocate Barrows has also a very practical way of showing his appreciation of our labors, as, for instance, when of his own accord he relieved me of some of the correspondence relative to the establishment of new Societies. The Division Inspector, Past Col. Griswold, is the same staunch friend as of old. He and his Assistant Inspectors did a good work for us during their inspection of Camps. The plan was made and I think was being executed before I was aware of it, thus showing the reality of the interest in their "Aid." Past Col. Bixby continues to show that in his esteem the L. A. S. stands side by side with the Sons of Veterans. Names of many other Brothers deserve a place in the list of those to whom our thanks are due. The evidences of the thought and support of our Brothers have been a source of great encouragement to me when the work seemed more than my hands could do, and weighed most heavily.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

The Comrades of the Grand Army have shown toward us a very gratifying interest, which continues to increase upon closer acquaintance with our Order and its work. Very pleasant have been the courtesies and kind words received from the Commanders and others of this truly grand army, the furtherance of whose interests is our aim and delight.

At the last Encampment held in Montpelier, Department Commander Morgan made a very favorable mention of our Order and its work in his annual report. To that Encampment I sent a telegram of greeting and good will, and received in reply a pleasant verbal message sent through a Comrade. I sent a similar telegram to the Woman's Relief Corps, met in Encampment at the same time, and received a courteous reply from the Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM.

In a time of so much sickness it is not strange that death should have claimed two of our number, as he has done, but our organization was so young we had not realized that we might so soon be called to mourn for any. Their removal is a strong reminder of the things for which we should be prepared.

There have been deaths among the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army, that, as we are all one family in an especially strong sense, we have felt as keenly as if they had been among the Sisters, and it has been good to know that the hearts of the Sisters throughout the Division have gone out rich in sympathy to those in affliction, feeling that the sorrow of one was the sorrow of all.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I have but few recommendations to make at this time and offer them without further comment :

1. That the per capita tax of Societies in this Division be raised to 12 cents.
2. That the Division Press Fund be continued.
3. That the use of the Chaplain's quarterly reports be continued.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to thank you, Sisters, for the courtesy, the co-operation and the support so fully given me during my administration. I have especially appreciated your promptness and accuracy in responding to the calls I have made upon you. In this the Sisters of Vermont are remarkable. Realizing that it was easier to start right than to get right later, I insisted upon these things in the beginning, making it a rule to accept no report or paper until it was correct. I must confess to surprise at the unfailing cheerfulness with which these requirements were met, and the earnest desire to correct mistakes; for of course, ours being a new organization there were mistakes, especially at first. So great has been the promptness and accuracy that in the matter of quarterly reports—one of the most troublesome matters in this respect—Vermont has been the first to send its consolidated reports to the National Headquarters for two quarters out of the three heard from, and I expect it to be the banner Division for the fourth quarter, as I recently wrote a personal letter to each Society asking that extra care be given to the last reports as the time was so short. The response to these letters was such that with the end of the quarter all reports were received, consolidated reports of the Division forwarded and Division books closed. I make this further mention of the fact to which the Division Secretary refers in her report, merely to illustrate the response my calls upon you have received. Again I say, I am grateful. When my duties pressed hard upon me and the flesh grew weary with working night after night, sometimes the whole night through, the

labor seemed lighter because of this hearty co-operation on your part, the faithful work you were doing, and the many kind words you sent me.

While I gladly welcome the much needed rest, it is yet with deep regret that I, in any sense, sever relations which you have made so pleasant, and I shall always feel in you individually and collectively that deep personal interest which, it seems to me, that only one who, like myself, has been more or less closely connected with the organization and life of every Society now existing in the Division, who organized the Division itself, and the outgrowth of whose work it is, can feel.

Desiring that the highest success may be yours as Societies and individuals, I am most sincerely,

Yours in Friendship, Charity and Loyalty,

S. ADA HALL,

Division President.

REPORT OF DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT.

BRANDON, VT., July 6, 1892.

Sister President and Members of the Vermont Division :

I have the honor to submit the following report :

As I believe it to be the duty of every officer to report once a year, no matter how little duty she has been called upon to perform, I fill out the first Vice-President's report that Vermont Division has ever had, trusting that the sisters will remember that with such a President as S. Ada Hall at the head, no matter how good a Vice-President you have, her report will be very short, for her duties will be light.

I have received nineteen letters and written forty-five.

At the suggestion of a sister, I wrote each Society for help toward raising twenty-five dollars to be given the Soldiers' Home Chapel Fund, but there seemed so many other ways for the money, that I received only two dollars from Barnet. The amount being so small, with their permission I returned it.

Here let me thank the officers with whom I have corresponded for the efforts and prompt attention always shown.

We must now clasp hands as officers and part, but for the love you bear the living and the dead, remember we only part as officers to work

still harder as members for the advancement of one of the noblest Orders in the world—the Ladies' Aid Society.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

DORA E. AUSTIN,

Vice-President of Vt. Div.

REPORT OF DIVISION SECRETARY.

CHELSEA, VT., July 4, 1892.

Miss S. Ada Hall, President Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

SISTER: In compliance with the rules and regulations of our Order, I have the honor to present the following report of the condition of our Division for the term of my office, beginning June 26, 1891, and ending July 7, 1892:

The report of my predecessor, rendered at last Encampment, gave the number of Societies as 7, with a membership of 151, when the Division was organized, March 31, 1891, and as no quarterly reports had been sent in, she, of course, was unable to give the exact number of members in good standing at that time. As the reports can furnish the only true basis upon which the strength of the Division may be calculated, and as those of the quarter ending June 30, 1891, were the first ever received by our Division, I can, by beginning at that date, make a true statement, having received all the reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1892.

	Societies.	Members.
Number in good standing June 30, 1891	8	161
Gain by organization and muster in	2	69
transfer	0	0
re-instatement	0	56
Aggregate	10	286
	Societies.	Members.
Loss by death		2
honorable discharge		5
suspension	0	59
dropped		6
	0	72

Number in good standing June 30, 1892 :

Societies.....	10
Members.....	214

Net gain :

Societies.....	2
Members.....	53

I regret being obliged to report that Society No. 3 was practically dead when this Division was organized. It has held no meetings this year and has never reported to Division Headquarters in any way. All efforts to resurrect it proving fruitless, its charter has been revoked.

Much extra trouble was caused the first two quarters by being obliged to return reports to Societies for correction, because carelessly made out and not agreeing with those of the preceding quarter. The quarter ending March 30, showed a decided improvement in this respect, and for the prompt returns for the one just closed, I desire to express my thanks.

The two Societies mustered during the year, No. 11 of Fair Haven and 12 of Poultney, have so far made good records. Their descriptive lists are complete and the Secretaries of both are to be commended for their efforts.

Of the other Societies, No. 8 was the first to send me a complete record, and I take this opportunity to commend the former Secretary, Mrs. Goodrich, for her untiring efforts to obtain this result, the Society being one of our largest and the list being very incomplete, made this work more difficult than it otherwise would have been. No. 6, also has a complete list, and that of No. 2 is nearly so. My thanks are due Miss Austin, Secretary of No. 4; Miss Williamson, former Secretary of No. 5; and Mrs. Langdon, Past President of No. 7, whom I know labored no less than the others to obtain the same results, and although their records are not complete, yet they are nearly so, and to all appearances nothing more can be added.

The list of No. 9 is unsatisfactory in some respects. Miss Cook, the former Secretary, endeavored by every means in her power to obtain all records, but after much hard work was unsuccessful.

No. 10 is the only Society not heard from, and I hope my successor may meet with better success than I have in attempting to obtain at least a few necessary items. To Past Col. Bixby I am indebted for assistance in endeavoring to complete these books, and he succeeded in finding many additions after the faithful Secretaries had done their best.

I have written 289 letters in the interest of the Order.

I hoped to report an Aid in connection with the Camp at Morrisville, and think we may expect one at that place in the near future. Other Camps also are thinking strongly of an organization. In fact, we find this interest in the Order on the increase "all along the line."

In conclusion, I desire to thank all the officers and sisters for their encouragement and assistance, and greatly regret that circumstances have rendered it impossible for me to assist you in your arduous duties as much as I ought, or as I wished to do, and I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your kind forbearance with my failings as well as for your kind appreciation of what assistance I could render.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

EMMA DARLING,

Division Secretary.

REPORT OF DIVISION TREASURER.

CHELSEA, VT., June 30, 1892.

*Miss S. Ada Hall, President Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

SISTER :—I have the honor to present the following statement of all money received and paid out, of all supplies bought and sold, and the amount on hand at the end of my term of office, together with proper vouchers for all payments :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand June 28, 1891.....	\$ 4 65
For per capita tax.....	96 40
Charters.....	20 00
Offerings to Division.....	22 00
Press Fund.....	3 50
Supplies.....	53 14
Division Charter.....	50
Past National President's badge for Mrs. Jones.....	46
Total.....	<hr/> \$200 65

EXPENSES.

For per capita tax.....	\$48 20
Printing, stationery and office expenses	52 76
Postage, express and money orders.	29 65
Charters	10 00
Supplies	51 88
Contributions.....	6 00
Subscriptions to papers.....	96
Past National President's badge for Mrs. Jones	46
Total.....	<u>\$199 91</u>
Amount in treasury.....	\$ 74
Value of supplies on hand.....	\$16 60
Value of Division property.....	7 75

Number of requisitions for supplies received during the year, 40.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

FRANCES W. BIXBY,

Division Treasurer.

By EMMA DARLING.

REPORT OF DIVISION CHAPLAIN.

BRANDON, VT., July 6, 1892.

*Miss S. Ada Hall, President Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

SISTER :—I have the honor to report the following :

The L. A. S., I feel safe to say, has done a very good work in the past year.

No. 2 has given \$30 in money, value of \$23 in food and clothing; \$3 for flowers for funeral of Brother Frank S. Tuller, and \$1.50 for funeral of Brother Frank E. Griffin.

No. 4 has expended \$30.10 for labor, \$3 for funeral occasion, and gave the proceeds of an entertainment, which were \$25.75, to aid an S. V. who is in ill health.

No. 5 has given \$12.92 for medicine, medical attendance, clothing bedding, etc.

No. 6 has given \$1.15 for flowers for funeral, \$2 for the Bennington Chapel. This Society has had no other call for aid.

No. 7 has given the value of \$12.50 in miscellaneous articles, and is always on hand to care for the sick.

No. 8 has given clothing and work to the amount of \$7.50, and during Sister Celley's sickness were faithful in calling, carrying flowers, jellies, etc.

No. 9. The value of food, clothing, miscellaneous articles, etc., given is \$14.62. This Society has seen no necessity to do in the last two quarters.

No. 10 is quiet, no report having been received.

No. 11. Although this Society has had no occasion to work in this line, nevertheless it is alive and at work, as it has held several sociables and realized quite a sum of money from them.

No. 12 has not reported the value of anything, still it is caring for the sick and serving the needy, and seems to be alive and at work in every way.

Several Societies take a collection for the Relief Fund at every meeting. This is a very good plan. I think nearly all Societies now have a Relief Fund.

Several Societies failed to send in a report for the last quarter.

Following is a consolidated report of this work:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CHARITABLE WORK.

LOCATION.	Chelsea.	Burlington.	Middlebury.	Barnet.	Brandon.	St. Johnsbury.	Brattleboro.	Barre.	Fair Haven.	Poultney.
No. of Society.	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Value of										
Food.....	\$11 00						\$ 3 25			
Fuel.....										
Clothing.....	12 00					\$3 00	5 40			
Bedding.....										
Misc. articles...			\$ 20		\$ 2 00		1 22			
Labor given...						4 50	2 00			
Am't expended for										
Medicine.....			80							
Med. attendance			3 00							
Clothing.....			92							
Bedding.....			1 00							
Misc. articles...		\$ 7 50	2 00		10 50		2 00			
Flowers.....	4 50	3 00		\$1 15			75			
Funeral expens's										
Labor.....		30 10	5 00							
Am't of cash given										
To Bennington										
Chapel.....	30 00	25 75		2 00						
No. of articles of										
clothing given..										
No. of articles of										
bedding given..										
No. miscellaneous										
articles given....										
Total.....	\$57 50	\$66 35	\$12 92	\$3 15	\$12 50	\$7 50	\$14 62			

Total amount for whole number of Societies, \$174.54.

MEMORIAL DAY.

I regret to be obliged to say that I could not give each Society credit for all they did on Memorial Day, in filling out the blanks for Division and National Headquarters as they gave no space for flowers or any decorations given. The blanks only call for *amount expended* for flowers and grave decorations.

Each Society furnished flowers or wreaths, and all have made an

effort to do what they could and have succeeded in doing very well indeed, but we can do even better. Let us make a strong effort in the year we are about to begin, to make this line of work a still greater success than in the year that is past.

All Societies attended Memorial Day exercises in a body, with the exception of No. 2, which, I am informed, had no exercises to attend. I do not mean by "all Societies," that all members attended, for they did not, as you will see by the consolidated report below.

Before closing, I would like to suggest that the blanks which are to be filled out by the Division Chaplain provide a place for report of flowers contributed where no money is expended, and that a space be provided on the back of the blanks for a few remarks by the Division Chaplain, that each Society may receive the credit which is its due.

Let us work faithfully in this part of our cause, and in all others throughout our whole life, so that at its close we will be permitted to hear "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT.

Number of Society.	LOCATION.	Number of members.	Number of members present on Memorial Day.	Number of members present Memorial Sunday.	Number of deaths since last Memorial Day.	Number of funeral occasions where burial services was used?	Amount expended for floral and grave decorations?	Were refreshments served to members of Camp and friends?	Was a committee appointed to confer with Camp?
2	Chelsea	23	none	15	none	none	\$0 00	no	no
4	Burlington	25	20	12	none	none	38 00	no	yes
5	Middlebury	22	12	8	none	none	0 00	no	no
6	Barnet	11	7	5	1	1	3 00	yes	no
7	Brandon	29	8	8	none	none	0 00	no	yes
8	St. Johnsbury	24	21	14	1	none	1 00	no	yes
9	Brattleboro	30	9	14	none	none	0 00	no	yes
10	Barre	10	2	1	none	none	0 00	no	no
11	Fair Haven	14	6	6	none	none	0 00	no	yes
12	Poultney	23	17	14	none	none	0 00	no	yes
	Total	211	102	101	2	1	\$42 00	90% no 10% yes	40% no 60% yes

DEATHS REPORTED.

Members of the L. A. S.:

Lizzie Simonds of Society No. 6, Barnet.

Verdi M. Celly of Society No. 8, St. Johnsbury.

Members of S. of V.:

Frank S. Tuller of Camp No. 28, Chelsea.

Frank E. Griffin of Camp No. 28, Chelsea.

O. G. Durkee of Camp No. 78, Waterbury.

Burt T. Edwards, of Camp No. 59, Jacksonville.

Elmer S. Prior, of Camp No. 7, Underhill.

Members of the G. A. R.:

E. H. Trick, of Post No. 2, Burlington.

Ira Langdon, of Post No. 18, Brandon.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MRS. JENNIE E. HARRIS,

Division Chaplain.

CIRCULAR LETTER ISSUED BY THE DIVISION CHAPLAIN FOR THE
QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1891.

DEAR SISTER :—As the cold weather approaches, it brings to our minds more forcibly, the necessity of visiting the houses of the needy members of the G. A. R., S. of V. and our own Order, and inquiring as to their needs. There are many things one can learn by visiting these homes.

First, how shall we learn of what they are in most need? Simply by going to them and inquiring if there is not some way in which we can render them assistance.

Perhaps we can assist in caring for a sick one. While inquiring what these families need most, observe the things about the homes—for their comfort. One can often see some little thing she can do to make these homes more pleasant and cheerful and better in many ways.

In visiting a sick room, always carry a cheery word and hopeful smile. Avoid telling patients any news unless something that will cheer and make them better.

It seems advisable that these efforts to assist and relieve these needy ones be not lost sight of, but that a record be kept of all charitable work of each Society. It is thought best that a report be sent at the close of each quarter to the Division Chaplain. Let each member report to

her President the value in money of anything that she has given for charitable work, also what she has done in any way to relieve these families. Do not omit the little things you do, as they all count in the grand total.

I feel that each Society is doing something in this line, and shall expect you to write me just what you are doing.

Do not be timid about reporting.

Do not wait for a member of any Order to come to you asking for assistance, but search for them, and be ever ready to lend a helping hand. Many people are too sensitive to ask aid, but when we volunteer to assist them and do it cheerfully, they accept it gladly.

I would like to ask if you have a Relief Fund? If not, would advise that each Society lay by a certain amount at the close of each quarter, or oftener, as you choose, for that purpose. Also would ask what plan you have adopted for carrying on Relief Work.

As the first quarter of the official year of the Division has just closed, please write me at once.

Trusting that each one will make a strong effort to make this year a grand success, so that at its close we may bring before the Division a report that will show that we have worked faithfully for the good of the Order, I remain,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

MRS. JENNIE E. HARRIS,

Division Chaplain,

Brattleboro, Vt.

REPORT OF DIVISION INSPECTOR.

BARRE, VT., July 2, 1892.

To Miss S. Ada Hall, President Vermont Division L. A. S., S. V., U. S. A.:

SISTER:—I have the honor to make the following report of the inspection of Vermont Division L. A. S.:

NO.	LOCATION.	MARKING.
8.....	St. Johnsbury.....	98 per cent.
2.....	Chelsea.....	96 “ “
5.....	Middlebury.....	95 “ “

NO.	LOCATION.	MARKING.
4	Burlington.....	94 $\frac{3}{8}$ per cent.
9.....	Brattleboro.....	.90 " "
12	Poultney.....	89 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
11.....	Fair Haven.....	85 " "
6.....	Barnet.....	83 " "
7.....	Brandon.....	83 " "

With the exception of Society No. 2, which was inspected by the Division Inspector, all Societies asked that Assistant Inspectors be appointed from the Brothers of their own Camps, thus saving the expense of calling upon the Division Officer.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the Brothers who served as Assistant Inspectors, for their promptness in sending their reports to me, and for the many kind words they have spoken for their Societies, and the interest they have shown in the L. A. S.

I think the Societies are in a good condition, and with the interest that is taken in the Order we cannot but succeed.

Thanking you for all your kindness,

I am sincerely yours in F. C. in L.,

ALICE L. SMITH,

Division Inspector.

REPORT OF DIVISION MUSTERING OFFICER.

WEST BARNET, VT., July 4, 1892.

Miss S. Ada Hall, President Vermont Division Ladies' Aid Societies, S. V., U. S. A.:

SISTER:—I herewith respectfully submit the following report:

Since June 25, 1891, the date of the last Encampment, the following Ladies' Aid Societies have been mustered in this Division:

No. 11, of Fair Haven, was mustered August 20, 1891, with 14 charter members. Brother Thomas Slattery, of Camp No. 64, Fair Haven, acted as Mustering Officer.

No. 12, of Poultney, was mustered December 11, 1891, by Sister Ella Gunnulson, President of L. A. S. No. 11. No. 12 had 19 charter members.

With thanks for the honor conferred upon me,

I am yours in F. C. and L.,

BESSIE E. WALLACE,

Div. Mustering Officer.

REPORT OF DIVISION COUNCIL.

BRANDON, VT., July 6, 1892.

*To the Officers and Members of the Second Annual Encampment of
Vermont Division, L. A. S., S. V., U. S. A.:*

MISS S. ADA HALL, PRESIDENT:—Your Division Council respectfully present the following report:

We have carefully examined the books, papers and vouchers of the Division and declare them to be correct in every detail.

Cash received during this administration.....	\$200 65
Cash expended “ “ “	199 91
Balance.....	\$ 74

The Vermont Division has every reason to be pleased with the faithful way in which our President, Miss Hall, has discharged the duties of her office. She has worked hard for the Order ever since she organized Society No. 2 at Chelsea, and from the beginning worked perseveringly for a Division, making special effort in this direction for several months before she organized the latter, so we should count considerably more than the sixteen months of the presidency for her labors in our behalf.

In closing our work we desire to express our gratitude to both Brothers and Sisters for the assistance they have so freely rendered us.

Trusting that our relations may be as pleasant in the future as they have been in the past, we are,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

ALICE C. WILLIAMSON,	} Division Council.
ISA A. ELLIS,	
DORA E. AUSTIN,	

ORDERS AND CIRCULARS.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION,
 LADIES' AID SOCIETIES, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
 CHELSEA, VT., July 6, 1891.

ORDER NO. 4,
 SERIES 1891.

I. Having been re-elected President of the Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, and duly installed, the duties of the office are again assumed.

Headquarters will continue to be at Chelsea.

II. At the First Annual Encampment, held at St. Johnsbury, June 24th and 25th, the following officers were elected :

President, MISS S. ADA HALL, Chelsea.

Vice-President, MISS DORA E. AUSTIN, Burlington.

Division Council, { MISS ALICE WILLIAMSON, Middlebury,
 { MRS. ISA A. ELLIS, Burlington,
 { MRS. ALICE CLARK, St. Johnsbury.

Delegate-at-Large, MRS. NELLIE P. BONETT, St. Johnsbury.

Delegate, MISS CORA FRANCIS, Burlington.

Alternate-at-Large, MRS. MORRIS, St. Johnsbury.

Alternate, MISS LOTTIE MCGAFFEY, Burlington.

III. The following Staff Officers are announced and will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

Chief of Staff, Mrs. Hattie E. Hewett, Brandon.

Chaplain, Mrs. Jennie Harris, Brattleboro.

Secretary, Miss Emma Darling, Chelsea.

Treasurer, Mrs. Frances W. Bixby, Chelsea.

Inspector, Miss Alice L. Smith, Barre.

Mustering Officer, Miss Bessie E. Wallace, Barnet.

Special Aide, Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, Brattleboro.

Judge Advocate, Henry Barrows, Brandon.

IV. All officers on the previous Staff are hereby relieved from duty.

V. The Second Annual Encampment will be held in Brandon.

VI. In accordance with a vote of the Sons of Veterans the proceedings of the Encampment of the Vermont Division of the L. A. S., will be

printed with those of the Vermont Division, S. V., at the expense of the latter. This is another evidence of the favor with which our Order is received by our Brothers. Let us redouble our efforts in their behalf during the present official year.

VII. General Orders No. 16 were received and promulgated previous to Encampment.

VIII. It is with pleasure we note the favorable recognition our Order is receiving from the Grand Army of the Republic. In General Orders No. 7, Department Commander Morgan says:

"The Comrades of the Department will be pleased to learn of the organization of the Vermont Division of the Ladies' Aid Societies of the Sons of Veterans. Ten Societies are already formed. The principal objects of this association are shown in the following extracts from the Constitution:

SEC. 1. To assist the Sons of Veterans in keeping green the memories of our soldiers, and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union.

SEC. 2. To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in caring for their helpless and disabled veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory and history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day."

Let us endeavor in all kindly, womanly ways to show these comrades that the badge we wear was adopted in "commemoration of the patriotism of our veterans during the dark days of our country's trial, and of the glorious victory achieved by their heroism," also, that we are organized for their assistance now as surely as in those days when throughout our Northland Ladies' Aid Societies were formed for the assistance of the soldier on the field of battle.

IX. Blanks for quarterly reports have been sent all Societies. No. 9 of Brattleboro was the first to make returns, their papers being received June 20. This promptness is commendable. Presidents of Societies will note that these blanks should be made out and forwarded immediately after the last meeting night of each quarter. They are requested, also, to thoroughly examine the quarterly reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, compare them and ascertain if they agree and are correct, before sending to Division Headquarters. All reports should be forwarded before the fifteenth of this month. As soon as they are received the new pass-word will be issued.

X. No orders for supplies will receive attention unless made upon requisition blanks. These must be properly filled out with name and

date and sent by the President, to whom the receipts will be returned. Orders must be accompanied by a sufficient amount to cover postage or the supplies will be sent by express at the expense of the purchaser.

XI. Societies should remember that they have no right to muster a candidate without proof of her eligibility, as required by blank application and Descriptive Book.

XII. When an applicant is mustered into a Society, a copy of her record, as required by the Descriptive Book, should be sent immediately to Division Headquarters.

XIII. It is recommended that members of Societies subscribe for as many as possible of the different papers which publish news pertaining to our Order, and Presidents should make arrangements by which all matters of interest are reported for publication.

XIV. While I had hoped to be relieved from the duties of office, I yet appreciate the honor of being a second time your choice for Division President of so noble an organization as ours. The duties imposed upon me are assumed with a deep sense of their responsibility, and I shall endeavor to discharge them so faithfully that at the close of the year you shall feel your confidence was not misplaced.

It is my ambition to keep the work of this Division advancing at the same rapid rate throughout the year, that was shown in the last three months. This cannot be done without the same hearty support given me during the previous administration, and the same earnest work upon the part of Societies and Sisters. The recent Encampment held many lessons for us and showed much that was encouraging. Let us profit by these things and make our past successes but stepping stones to greater ones.

By order of

S. ADA HALL,

Division President.

EMMA DARLING,

Division Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION,
LADIES' AID SOCIETIES, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
CHELSEA, VERMONT, SEPT. 22, 1891.

ORDER NO. 5,
SERIES 1891.

I. General Orders No. 17 have been received and promulgated since Orders No. 4 were issued.

General Orders No. 1 are promulgated herewith.

Society Presidents are requested to see that the blank forms on the back of all General and Division Orders are carefully filled by the Secretary.

II. Blanks for quarterly reports of Society Secretary and Treasurer are enclosed. Promptness and accuracy in filling and forwarding them are essential. Presidents should see that they are correct and ready to be forwarded at the close of the last meeting of the quarter.

III. The name of Camp No. 22 of Barre having been changed, its auxiliary will hereafter be known as Ladies' Aid Society, No. 10, of Col. U. A. Woodbury Camp, No. 22.

IV. Society Secretaries will enter upon their Black Books the name of Mrs. Cora B. Tosant, as black-balled by L. A. S. No. 8.

V. It is recommended that each Society in the Division forward to these Headquarters fifty cents to be used as a Press Fund, from which subscriptions will be sent to papers devoted to subjects of interest to our Order.

The plan is to forward these publications from one Society to another in the order of the night of meeting, that extracts may be read at each. In this way our entire membership may become well posted on affairs of the Order at large, and gain much helpful information which will result to the advantage of the Societies. It is requested that the amount be sent before October 15.

IV. Mrs. Nellie P. Bonett, 44 Spring Street, St. Johnsbury, is appointed Division Correspondent. Sisters are urged to forward to her for publication, any items of interest pertaining to our work.

Presidents are requested to ascertain what papers published in the interests of the G. A. R., and its kindred organizations are taken in the families of the members of their respective Societies, also the number of subscriptions to each, and report to Sister Bonett. Any additional subscriptions should be reported as they occur.

VII. Division Officers should wear the ribbon having a red center in their badges, as the three stripe ribbon is worn and in place of the latter, not pinned by itself to the dress. The same rule applies to Society Officers. (See Con. R. & R., Chap. V. Art. V. Sec. 4).

VIII. The newly elected Commanner-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, Bartow S. Weeks, of New York City, says in his first General Orders, recently issued:

"The objects and aims of the Ladies' Aid Society and the principles underlying their organization are similar to our own, and they are entitled to the assistance and support of every loyal Son of a Veteran. Colonels of Divisions and all others are hereby requested to give this organization all possible assistance, looking towards its increase in membership and influence."

At the last Annual Encampment of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*"Resolved:—*That the thanks of this Encampment are tendered to the Vermont Division of the Ladies' Aid Societies, which meet with us here for their First Annual Encampment, for the faithful and valuable help they are giving us in all our work, and for the additional interest which their presence and encouragement gives to our Encampment, and that an earnest invitation is hereby tendered to them to hold their next Annual Encampment, at the same time and place with that of this Division."

The season of the year in which the most active work is done approaches. Let it be marked as the one in which we shall prove our Order more than ever worthy the commendation of our brothers and of all veteran soldiers. Society presidents have but one more quarter in which to make the history of their administration for 1891. Let them work with redoubled effort to make it one to which they may look back with pride. Let the record of charitable work be a good one. Let the Society be such as to strengthen any weak places in the Camp,—that such has been the case with the L. A. S. of Vermont is one of the pleasant things reported by brothers of Camps having auxiliaries.

IX. In accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws adopted at the First Annual Encampment of this Division, the bond of the Division President was duly executed and accepted by the Division Council, in whose possession it now is, and the bonds of the Division Secretary and Treasurer, duly executed, are now in the hands of the Division President.

X. Ladies' Aid Society, No. 11, of Col. A. V. Colburn Camp, No. 64, was mustered by Brother Thomas Slattery, at Fair Haven, August 20th, with fourteen charter members. Mrs. Ella Gunnulson was elected President, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

By order of

S. ADA HALL, Division President.

EMMA DARLING, Division Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION,
 LADIES' AID SOCIETIES, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
 CHELSEA, VT., NOV. 30, 1891. }

ORDERS No. 6,
 SERIES 1891.

I. General Orders, Current Series, No. 2, have been promulgated since orders No. 5 were issued.

General Orders, Current Series, No. 3, are promulgated herewith. Special attention is called to Section I.

II. Blanks for reports of Secretary and Treasurer for the quarter ending Dec. 31, are enclosed.

The new passwords will be issued to Societies upon the receipt of the quarterly reports and the payment of *per capita* tax.

Attention is directed to the example of Society No. 8, whose books were in such condition and which had made such preparation that its reports for the last quarter were correctly made, properly signed and forwarded by the next mail after the blanks for them were received. Society No. 7 must have done the same, but being farther from these Headquarters, its papers did not reach here as soon as those of No. 8. Other Societies were not far behind. It is greatly to be desired that the example thus set may be closely followed in the future. Nothing is to be gained in withholding reports, and when a Society is so tardy in forwarding them as to make it seem advisable to the Division President that a telegram be sent for them, it will be sent at the expense of the Society.

III. It was thought that the blank forms for notifying delinquent members could be issued with less expense from National Headquarters than by the Division, as was voted at the Annual Encampment at St. Johnsbury. Immediately after her election the National President was consulted, and blanks have been issued as stated in her last order. This explains the delay in their appearance. A sample is enclosed. Every Society should order them at once, and make such good use of them that at the close of this quarter not one member shall be reported dropped. Let it be remembered in this connection, that all orders for supplies should be sent to these Headquarters.

IV. All requisitions and other official communications for the Division Treasurer should be sent to the Division President.

V. A number of Societies have sent their part toward the Press Fund. Before January subscriptions will be sent as many papers as the

amount received will warrant, and they will be forwarded to those Societies whose subscriptions have been received.

VI. Our Division Correspondent, Mrs. Bonett, reports that several Societies have not supplied her with the information requested in the second paragraph of Section 6, Orders No. 5. Society Presidents will see that this matter is attended to at once.

VII. A generous rivalry as to which shall lead in membership seems to have sprung up between some of our Societies. No. 9 has been having a muster at every meeting, and now leads in point of numbers. Cultivate this spirit, sisters.

No special recruiting duties are assigned to one sister in the Society because it is to be expected that each member will consider herself a recruiting officer. This is the season for most active work in this direction and every sister should be able to add at least one to the ranks before spring, as the fields are largely unworked as yet, and the Order is one of which we may justly be proud. What Aid will show a membership doubled before the Spring?

VIII. Much care should be exercised in securing and presenting an application. Never present a name without further thought than that of adding one to the number of members, but first satisfy yourself that the candidate is worthy of admission. The rejection of a candidate is a sad thing at best, and should be avoided when possible. This can almost always be done before the application is presented. Keep the membership of the right kind and success is assured.

IX. The letter which the Division Chaplain, Mrs. Harris, has sent to the Societies should have the careful attention of every sister. In the extra work attending elections and our own plans for the holidays, let no destitute family of a veteran, a son of a veteran, or one of our own membership, be left without a kindly reminder shown in a practical way. At the holy and happy Christmas tide search out the needy and sorrowful, and help them to feel the joys of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

X. The time for Society elections is at hand. Upon the choice of officers depends the success of the coming year, therefore great care is necessary at this time. Especially is this true in the selection of the President. Merely that she is popular or has good social standing is not sufficient ground for believing that she will make the Society what it should be. Whether she has the good of the veteran soldiers, the Sons of Veterans and the Ladies' Aid Society *at heart*; whether under her

leadership the sisters will do their full duty in works of charity ; whether she will insist upon a proper performance of ritual work ; whether she will display such promptness, discretion and faithfulness, that the members will work together harmoniously and accomplish much, are questions that should be carefully considered.

It is essential that the Secretary and Treasurer will be such as will keep their books always in order, make all entries promptly and accurately, and be faithful in the discharge of their other duties.

In the case of all officers, only those should be chosen who have been faithful in attendance upon meetings, and of whom there is a prospect that they will continue to be so.

XI. Society Presidents are requested to send to these Headquarters as soon as these elections are held, the name of a brother of the Sons of Veterans or sister of the Ladies' Aid Society, chosen to act as Installing Officer, that he or she may be duly authorized.

XII. We are under obligations to Col. Foster and Adj. Monahan for assistance rendered and courtesy extended.

XIII. It is with regret we announce that death has again entered our ranks and taken Sister Lizzie Simonds, of Aid No. 6, Barnet. Our sincere sympathy goes out to those Societies in whose numbers these sad gaps are thus made, and especially to the immediate families of our sisters do our thoughts turn with strong desire for the tenderest and truest comfort for them in their time of affliction.

For Miss Simonds, the Burial Service of the L. A. S. was held for the first time in our Division.

In the recent sad and sudden deaths of Comrades E. H. Trick of Burlington and Ira Langdon of Brandon, the closest ties have been severed for some of our sisters and a sense of loss laid upon those Societies in which these men had shown so great an interest. We must all experience a sadness at the removal of such men. It foreshadows the swift approach of the day when none of those who offered their lives for our country in the trying time of the late war will remain to us. Let it be a continual reminder to do what we may for them while yet they are with us.

XIV. The year just drawing to a close has been an eventful one in the history of the Societies of Vermont, and one of marked prosperity and steady increase in numbers, strength and good work. To the retiring officers, the Division President presents her congratulations upon their successful administration, and her thanks for the hearty co-opera-

tion which has helped to place the Vermont Division where it stands to-day. To the entire membership she extends her best wishes for the season.

By order of

S. ADA HALL,

Division President.

EMMA DARLING,

Division Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION,
LADIES' AID SOCIETIES, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
CHELSEA, VT., Jan. 11, 1892.

ORDERS No. 7,
SERIES 1892.

I. New pass-words have been sent to all Societies. Commissions and report blanks for installing officers have also been sent. If any of these papers have not been received, word to that effect should be sent immediately to these Headquarters.

II. Society Presidents should see that those of their officers who are required to give bonds, have them properly made out and presented at an early date.

III. If those Societies contributing to the Press Fund have not already made definite arrangements for providing for the selection and reading of extracts at every meeting, for which the papers are received, it should be done immediately. The dates of regular meetings are such that it becomes absolutely necessary that every paper should be forwarded to the next Society on the list—which will be sent, immediately after the meeting at which it is read. In view of this fact it is recommended that paper wrappers be kept on hand in the hall; that the publications may be sealed, addressed and sent without delay. Through the practical interest of past Colonel Bixby, some of the publications are kindly supplied the Division at reduced rates. It is not intended that the plan now being tried shall in any way affect private subscriptions, except, through added interest, to increase their number.

IV. The commendable promptness with which Societies forwarded their reports for the last quarter deserves special mention. For the second time L. A. S., No. 9, led, sending its report early in December, but other Societies which held their meeting at the end of the month were fully as faithful, so that the last set of papers were received January 2. Had they been correct as well as prompt, this Division would have been perfect in this respect, and could have sent its consolidated reports at

once to National Headquarters. This has been prevented and the papers are still held back because of inaccuracy on the part of one Aid. No reports are accepted at these Headquarters until they are correct. Blanks were sent in duplicate for last quarter that Societies might retain a copy for reference in filling out the next one, thus leaving no reason for sending incorrect reports. Presidents are requested to look after this matter very closely.

V. If any Society has not filled the blank sent by the Division Chaplain and returned it to her, it should be done at once. These blanks should receive the same prompt attention which was given the last quarterly reports.

VI. The attention of the Aids having no By-Laws is called to the desirability of preparing a set for adoption. These should be sent to Division Headquarters for approval. They should be sent in duplicate, one copy to be returned to the Society, the other to be retained by the Division. See C. R. & R., Chap. 2, Art. XVIII.

VII. The importance of looking after members in arrears for dues, that they be not dropped, is strongly urged. The sisters should have pride in not allowing names of dropped members from their Aid to be published and entered upon the Black Books of other Aids. If any are not yet supplied with blanks for delinquent members, they should be ordered without delay.

VIII. Society Presidents will see that the Secretary keeps, in a book arranged for that purpose and which she has always at meetings, the names of all comrades of the G. A. R., or brothers of the Sons of Veterans, who have ever been obligated in the Society, together with the date of obligation and the name, number and location of the Post or Camp of which they are members.

IX. It is not too soon to plan for assisting Camps in the observance of Union Defenders' Day, which occurs on February 12, Lincoln's birthday. This custom, established by the Sons of Veterans, has received the just approval of all loyal people, and has been adopted to some extent by other orders. Let all sisters add what they can toward the truest celebration of the day.

X. To Division Commander Foster and Adjutant Monahan are we indebted for the encouragement and ready assistance they never fail to give. In most practical ways are they showing their approval of the Ladies' Aid Society, and with the loyal support given by them and other brothers, we feel that the success of the Vermont Division is assured.

May the year upon which we have just entered be one of steady progress, thus showing these brothers that their confidence in us is not misplaced.

XI. To the incoming officers the Division President presents her greetings, and offers the following suggestions: Let Presidents insist that every officer shall commit to memory her part of the Ritual, and that right speedily. In this connection please read before the Society, Section 1 of General Instructions, to be found in the Ritual. At every meeting discuss and catechise on the principles, objects, obligations, etc., etc., of our Order as contained in the C., R and R., of which each sister should have a copy, and always bring it with her. The membership cannot be too thoroughly posted on everything connected with the Order. Look forward to the inspection which is coming in April. You will not overdo preparations for it in the quarter that intervenes. Never allow any part of ritual work to go half done. Search out the needy and suffering among the Veterans, Sons of Veterans, or Sisters of our own Order, or the families of any of these, and let the Society be earnestly active in lifting and lightening burdens. But it rests not with the officers alone to make this a successful year for the Society. Every member has a part in the attainment of the object. Having selected your officers it becomes your duty to support them to the best of your ability, whatever may be your opinion of their fitness for the position they occupy. Be faithful in the discharge of your own work, remembering that it is in the discharge of the part assigned her, however small, that each proves her fitness or unfitness for a higher position. Attend meetings regularly, consider yourself a committee of one to bring in recruits. Be watchful for charitable work. If you know of a sister who is in arrears for dues and in danger of being suspended, go to her and induce her to pay and become in good standing—a member saved is often better than a new one mustered. In a word, be ever on the alert for something that will benefit the Society. It is reported by brothers on all sides that our work has been so well done that we have not only rendered valuable service to them socially and in charitable ways, but that our influence has been markedly for the better in the discipline of the Camp Room and in its ritual work. Let us endeavor to make the record for 1892 still better.

XII. Society No. 12 of Camp No. 57, was mustered at Poultney, December 11, 1891, with nineteen charter members. Sister Ella Gun-

nulson mustered the Society. Sister Harriet L. Sherman was elected president and will be accorded the respect due her position.

By order of

S. ADA HALL,

Division President.

EMMA DARLING,

Division Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION,
LADIES' AID SOCIETIES, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
CHELSEA, VT., MARCH 3, 1892. }

ORDERS No. 2.

SERIES 1892.

I. It will be noticed that these Orders are No. 2. By an error the last were made to read No. 7, instead of No. 1 as they should have done.

II. General Orders No. 4 have been promulgated. General Orders No. 5 are promulgated herewith.

III. The National President has congratulated this Division upon the fact that for the last two quarters its consolidated reports have been the first received at National Headquarters. If no reports have to be returned to Societies because of being incorrect, we can make this record three times in succession. Shall we do it? Remember that the report is to be sent immediately after the last meeting in the quarter. Blanks for the Secretary and Treasurer will be forwarded as soon as received. They were sent in duplicate for the last quarter so that each Society has, in addition to its books, a copy of its last report, and any inaccuracy in the next one is wholly unnecessary. Each Society President is requested and expected to see that no report is sent to these Headquarters until it is correct in every detail. One copy should always be kept by the Aid, even if extra blanks for the same are not received.

IV. The reports of all Assistant Installing Officers appointed have been received. The Division President takes this opportunity to extend her thanks to all such officers for the promptness and faithfulness shown in the discharge of their duties. To those brothers of the Sons of Veterans who acted in this capacity, she would express her gratitude for the heartfelt interest in the order, both local and general, which they displayed.

V. Society Presidents are reminded that the time for the Annual Inspection is at hand, and are requested to inform the Division President

whether their Societies wish the services of the Division Inspector, or prefer another sister not of their own number, or a brother of the Sons of Veterans. The name and address of the one desired should be sent at once that he or she may be duly authorized and instructed. All expenses of inspection are to be borne by the Society.

Every officer should be in her place at the time of inspection, and should be thoroughly familiar with the duties of her office. The Society should take pride in attaining a high rank and should prepare itself as thoroughly as possible in every detail. The Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Ritual should be carefully studied. Let every sister have her proper badge and wear it as it should be worn. Information in regard to this can be obtained from the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

IV. Rankstraps, presentation badges, L. A. S., rings, charms, etc., are to be ordered of Maj. A. P. Davis, 67 Fourth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. All badges, etc., mentioned on the requisition blanks are to be ordered through Division Headquarters.

VII. As the Division Secretary is not at Headquarters, all official correspondence should be addressed to the President.

VIII. Brother Lapoint, Editor of the Sharpshooter, has kindly offered to send to the address of every Society President in the Division a copy of the Sharpshooter, with the understanding that it is to be kept in the meeting room where every sister can read it. The names will be sent to Brother Lapoint. It is hoped that the Sharpshooter will never be omitted from the arrangements for reading extracts from publications "for the good of the order."

The editor of the Bugle Call wishes to announce that sample copies of that paper will be sent by mail, free of charge, at any time, to any sister or society wishing to examine the same. Those desiring to do so should address, Publishers of the Bugle Call, Urbana, Ohio.

IX. Miss Charlotte McGaffey, 126 Maple Street, Burlington, has been appointed Division Correspondent, in addition to Mrs. Bonett, and is doing good work. Every society should see that these sisters are constantly supplied with material for publication. It is the Presidents upon whom this responsibility falls. If for any reason they cannot do the work themselves, they are yet responsible for seeing that it is done.

X. Societies No. 11, Fair Haven, and No. 2 of Chelsea, with their respective Camps, have recently been deprived of their halls by fire. Hard as this loss is for No. 2, which is the oldest Aid in the Division and

has proved its ability to surmount difficulties, and which has not lost everything by the fire, yet it is a more severe blow to No. 11, which has been mustered but a few months and has lost nearly everything. Societies, like individuals, are strengthened by adversity. May this be the result in a marked degree, to both these Camps and their Aids.

XI. With the close of this month, the Vermont Division of Ladies' Aid Societies completes the first year of its existence. In its history many encouraging points are to be found, not the least of which is the warm interest and hearty God-speed given by comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, when our order comes under their observation. In his annual report given at the G. A. R. Encampment held in Montpelier last month, Department Commander D. L. Morgan said: "Side by side with the gallant sons stands a new organization of loyal young women, banded together under the name of the Ladies' Aid Society. The Vermont Division, organized in April last, now numbers twelve societies. What the Relief Corps is in a social way to the Grand Army, these societies are to the Sons of Veterans, but their primary and chief object is to aid and care for helpless and disabled veterans and their families, to perpetuate the memory and history of our heroic dead and their sacrifices, and to inculcate loyalty and patriotism throughout the land. They, too, are kin of the veterans, and as they come voluntarily to our assistance, let us hail them with the same glad cheers with which we ever greeted re-inforcements."

May the veterans ever find our deeds better than our words, and let no sister ever withhold a good word for our nation's defenders.

By order of

S. ADA HALL,

Division President.

EMMA DARLING,

Division Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION,
LADIES' AID SOCIETIES, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
CHELSEA, VT., May 5, 1892. }

ORDERS NO. 3.

SERIES 1892.

I. General Orders, Current Series No. 6, have been promulgated.

It should be noted that the term "General Orders" is given to those issued by the National President, while the word "Orders" alone, indicates those of the Division President.

All orders should be carefully and distinctly read in meeting. If any part is so read as not to be clearly understood by the sisters present, they are justified in calling for a second reading.

II. The addendum to General Orders No. 5 was characteristic of our National President. As a result of this kindly notice of the loss to the Vermont Societies Nos. 2 and 11, some very pleasant letters have been received from Societies in other Divisions. The letters show that the links of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty are strong between the members of our sisterhood. For the kind thought expressed and for the more substantial token of sympathy, our gratitude is due. Both these Societies, whose halls and property were destroyed by fire, are strong in courage and determination, and though the loss is severe, they will continue to rank well among the Societies of the Division.

III. Nine years ago Gen. Paul Van Der Voort, then Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, said to the Comrades of Vermont: "One of the purposes of the institution (the G. A. R.) is to teach children to be loyal to the flag which their fathers fought to preserve, and we must so instill this loyalty into them that when the last member of our organization shall have been mustered out, Memorial Day shall not be forgotten, but the graves of our soldier dead shall be covered with the most beautiful flowers the earth produces." To-day this band of women who worked in the Ladies' Aid Societies of '61-'65; who waited and watched, longing for, yet fearing, to receive news from the field, or who, of later generation bear in their lives only the after effects of those dark days—to-day these women have joined hands to assist in accomplishing the purposes named by the Past Commander-in-Chief. Since his words were spoken many of the comrades have been mustered out, and all too soon the trust will be confided to our brothers, the Sons of Veterans, and ourselves, to be held until our country no longer exists. In the coming Memorial Day let us endeavor to show more plainly than ever before that we shall be ready for the trust, and that it will be held sacred. The particular work to be done by each Society must be left for that Society to determine, but the President should see that every sister who is able, has assigned to her some particular part in the observance of the day or in the preparation therefor.

Let us take warning from the fact that Independence Day is so largely celebrated as a day for noise and hilarity, without thought of real patriotism or for the sturdy men who won for us our independence as a people, and, calling to mind the gallant deeds of those to whom, under God, we owe the preservation of our nation, and discountenanc-

ing any form of festivity which does not further the object of the day, inculcate love of country, truth, allegiance to the Government, and firm opposition to anything that may tend to weaken loyalty.

While endeavoring to perpetuate the memory and history of the heroic dead, let us also remember those who remain with us and who, perhaps, suffered as much for their country's sake as did those who are gone. If there is a helpless or disabled veteran within our reach, let him, on this Memorial Day, receive some token of our remembrance and appreciation of what he was and all he dared. Let us also, on this day make special effort to show the widows and orphans of fallen veterans that the tie of blood makes them and us kin.

IV. Blanks for Society Chaplain's Reports have been sent all Society Presidents, who will see that they are correctly filled and promptly forwarded to the Division Chaplain immediately after Memorial Day. In some places where nothing is spent for flowers very much is done in the way of floral decorations. In such cases a definite account of what is done should be given.

V. The thanks of the Division are due to Societies Nos. 7 and 8 for money received. This action on their part shows a wide-awake interest and comprehension of affairs that is a credit to them. It is hoped that at the coming Encampment the example of other Divisions will be followed in taking advantage of the action of the last National Encampment to raise the per capita tax, thus equalizing the expense to the Societies.

VI. In accordance with the C., R. and R. and the By-Laws of this Division, every Society is entitled to one delegate to National Encampment and three to Division Encampment. If, in any case, these officers have not all been elected, the matter should receive attention at once and the names of delegates and alternates be sent to these Headquarters immediately after election. No one should be chosen who is otherwise entitled to a vote in either the National or Division Encampment. See Con., R. and R., Chap. 2, Art. VI, Sec. 3, Chap. III, Art. 2, Chap. IV, Art. 2, Sec. I. Care should be taken to select such sisters as will represent their Society to its advantage, and such as will be present. It is recommended that sisters serving in this capacity be not allowed to bear their own expenses while attending Encampment, but that the Society assist where it is possible.

VII. Ladies' Aid Society No. 3, being more than the allotted time in arrears, its charter is hereby revoked and ordered sent, with Society

books and supplies, to the Division Secretary, Miss Emma Darling, Chelsea, Vt. It is with regret that this announcement is made—the first thing of the kind in the history of the Ladies' Aid Societies in Vermont, but as No. 3 was practically dead before the organization of the Division, there seems to be no other alternative.

It is the intention of the Division President to close her administration with every thing square and in good condition. No Society in arrears for dues will be carried over to weight the hands of her successor.

VII. Society Presidents are requested to write to the Division President in regard to the papers received, stating what use is made of them, whether they are duly received, how long detained before forwarding and making any suggestions in regard to the plan. All papers marked in blue pencil and sent from these Headquarters to Societies, should be read in meeting and retained as Society property instead of being forwarded like other papers. They are usually sample copies sent by the publishers with a view of obtaining subscriptions.

IX. The proceedings of the First Annual Encampment of this Division have been received and forwarded to Society Presidents. They will be kept as property of the Society. Other copies will be sent officers and sisters on receipt of four cents (\$.04) to pay postage. By the courtesy of the brothers of the Vermont Division these proceedings are printed with those of the Sons of Veterans and cost us nothing.

X. To those brothers of the Sons of Veterans who so kindly acted as Assistant Inspectors for the L. A. S. we extend our thanks for their interest and assistance.

The Inspecting Officer and Assistant Inspecting Officers of the Vermont Division have also won our gratitude for the good work we learn they are doing for us in the round of the Camps. These things should serve as an incentive to us to do our best for our brothers.

By order of

S. ADA HALL,

Division President.

EMMA DARLING,

Division Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS VERMONT DIVISION,
LADIES' AID SOCIETIES, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
CHELSEA, VT., June 18, 1892.

ORDERS NO. 4.

SERIES 1892.

I. General Orders, Current Series No. 7, have been promulgated.

II. Blanks for reports of Society Secretary and Treasurer for the quarter ending June 30, 1892, have been issued. Presidents are earnestly requested to give special attention to the matter and see that the papers are returned to these Headquarters at the earliest possible moment, and also by personal inspection to see that they are absolutely correct before being forwarded. For two quarters out of the three completed, Vermont Division has been the first to send its consolidated reports to National Headquarters. Let us endeavor to better the record in this remaining quarter.

III. During the Second Annual Encampment of the Vermont Division, Ladies' Aid Societies, to be held in Brandon in conjunction with the Tenth Annual Encampment of Sons of Veterans, July 5th, 6th and 7th, headquarters will be established at Hotel Brandon. The following is the programme for the meeting:

TUESDAY, JULY 5.

6.30 P. M. Meeting of Division Council at Headquarters.

8 P. M. Informal reception at Hotel Brandon.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6.

10 A. M. Opening of Encampment: roll call of officers; announcement and report of committee on credentials; roll call of members; appointment of committees; reports of officers.

2 P. M. Reports of officers and delegates; new business.

8 P. M. Exemplification of ritual work by the local Society.

THURSDAY, JULY 7.

9.30 A. M. Reports of committees; new business.

2 P. M. Election of officers; unfinished business.

7 P. M. Public installation of S. V. and L. A. S. Division Officers; camp-fire.

The above is subject to such variations as the occasion may require.

IV. Division Commander Foster has kindly made the same arrangement for transportation of the Sisters as the Brothers. He says:

“Round trip tickets for fare one way, good going July 5th, 6th and 7th, and returning to July 9th, can be purchased at all stations in Vermont on the following railroads, viz.: Central Vermont, Montpelier and Wells River, Bennington and Rutland, Connecticut River, and Woodstock. The Boston and Maine and Delaware and Hudson will sell round trip tickets at reduced rates.”

V. The local Camp and Aid are working earnestly to do all in their power for the success of the Encampment, and hope to see a large number present. Members of the L. A. S. will be entertained by Aid No. 7, free of charge. Society Presidents should at once write to Mrs. Hattie E. Hewett of Brandon in regard to those who may go from their Societies, even if the exact number is not ascertained. Sisters will be met at the depot by the Committee on Reception from No. 7 and conducted to headquarters, where their places of entertainment will be assigned.

The badges of the committees of Society No. 7 are as follows: Committee on Reception, pink; Committee of Entertainment, white; Committee of Arrangements, navy blue.

VI. Society Presidents will see that delegates, alternates and past officers are provided with credentials. If these blanks are not among Society supplies they should be ordered at once, and should be presented to the Division Secretary immediately upon arrival at Brandon.

VII. Sisters should not forget to wear the badge of the Order where it can readily be seen by the Committee on Reception.

VIII. The books of the Division Treasurer will be closed June 30. Previous to that date Societies should order supplies in sufficient quantities to meet all requirements until after Encampment.

IX. In regard to those entitled to vote in Division Encampment, see C., R. and R., Chap. III, Art. II. It is earnestly hoped that every Society will send its full delegation. All Sisters in good standing, who are not members of the Division, will be heartily welcomed.

A cordial invitation is extended to Brothers of the Sons of Veterans and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to attend the sessions of the Encampment.

X. Society No. 6 of Barnet is another of those which deserve the thanks of the Division for especially assisting toward defraying expenses. \$3.00 have been received from this Aid.

XI. Our thanks are due the wide-awake Aid No. 3, of Patterson, N. J., which so happily entertained the National Encampment a few

years since, for thoughtful sympathy and pecuniary assistance extended to our Aids Nos. 2 and 11, which suffered by fire. The injunction, "Bear ye one another's burden" is being obeyed in letter and in spirit.

XII. Grateful acknowledgment is due to Division Commander Foster, Adjutant Monahan, and L. A. S. Judge Advocate Barrows, for unsolicited kindness in work for the good of the Order.

XIII. In closing this my last order, I take the opportunity to express my gratitude to both Brothers and Sisters of this Division for the approval and loyal support always so freely given me in the work of my office. Though it will be with a sense of relief that I lay down the work and take needed rest, yet it will not be without a feeling of sadness that I to any degree sever a connection which has brought me so much pleasure.

I bespeak for my successor the same courtesy, faithfulness and cheery compliance with suggestions, that I have never failed to receive.

By order of

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